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Column One
BY
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U.S military aid is strong wine. It goes quickly to the head. The King of Saudi Arabia's verbal antics even before the bottle has been uncorked are no worse than those of some West German leaders and much less harmful than those of Madrid. The Spanish Government's inability to hold its liquor at this early stage in the spree bodes ill for the day when its supplies are increased. Small wonder that India should feel nervous at the prospect of the same thing happening in Karachi. From the Saar to Gibraltar, from Gibraltar to the Suez Canal, from there to Kashmir and on to Seoul and Taipeh, the Bacchic festival seems to be such affairs, when everyone shapes up to everyone else. There is danger in it.

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THERE can be no doubt at all that Spain's new assertiveness is largely a result of the self-confidence given to the regime and its Falange supporters by the treaty concluded recently with the United States. With its Nazi and Fascist friends defeated and apparently extinguished in 1945, the Madrid Government felt the need to move cautiously. The Falange national congress, which had last met in 1939, waited until the end of October 1953 for its first post-war gathering. It was a special occasion, being the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the party; but more important than that was the fact that agreement had been reached with the United States and that the Falange could again, without fear of consequences and with the prestige of its American alliance, cock snooks at silly old-fashioned democracies like France and Britain.

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WITH the blue-shirted Falangists brought back into the foreground, and with Spain a partner, through the American deal, in the Atlantic defence system, something had to happen. The old slogans were brought out to make a Falangist holiday and the old arrogance was resumed. Spanish ambitions, halted by catastrophe to Spain's ideological friends, began again to stir the Caudillo's blood and threaten a precarious Mediterranean balance. Gibraltar was there to set Britain by the ears and Morocco to set France by the ears and no time was lost by this new bastion of democracy's defence, to do so. At this rate the elaborate western security system will be its own undoing unless Russia obliges by attacking us, and therefore unifying us.

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THE Gibraltar demonstrations are probably no more than a gesture, an hysterical "beating of the bounds" with no practical effect, for a year or two at least, except a few broken embassy and consular windows and some bad blood between London and Madrid. The Moroccan developments are another matter. The tribesmen who gathered the other day in Tetuan to denounce the French-sponsored Sultan of all Morocco in favour of their own Spanish-sponsored Khalifa, Sidi Muley el Hassan, are a hot-headed, quick-tempered people not likely to be satisfied for long with mere slogans and demonstrations, especially now that their petition to Madrid praying for a separatist policy in Spanish Morocco has brought forth from General Franco an expression of his "utmost satisfaction" and a marked reference to those who organized the Tetuan anti-French demonstrations as the "legal leaders of the Moroccan people."

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THE Moroccan pattern is, of course, highly complicated. The country is divided into three zones, with France as the paramount power; and is subject to a multiplicity of Moroccan, Spanish-Moroccan, Franco-Moroccan and international authorities, to which lately has been added, as a significant influence if not an authority, the U.S. Air force at seven bases in French Morocco. Its supreme ruler *de jure* is the Sultan at Rabat, whose supremacy, as was shown by the deposition of Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, is, however, dependent on French support. If the Moorish leaders on the Spanish side are encouraged to disown the present Sultan, the movement will give a new impetus to anti-French nationalism in French Morocco and, of course, throughout the whole of French North Africa.

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THE French have enough on their hands without fresh trouble instigated from Madrid. Everyone has. And whether French colonial policy is good, bad or indifferent, it should be the business of the Western Powers to keep France from meddling in it. Presumably, when America speaks of mediating between Paris and Madrid she has in mind a few sharp words to be addressed to Franco, who needs to be told that the presence of American arms and armed forces in Spain and the flow through that country of American dollars give no licence to blue-shirted Mediterranean troublemakers nostalgic for the flamboyant days of Hitler and Mussolini.

Jerusalem, January 25.

Gov't Ready to Meet Bennike on Project

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The present Cabinet met for the last time yesterday when it considered a report from Mr. Moshe Sharett, as Foreign Minister, on the failure of the Syrian complaint to the U.N. Security Council on the Jordan River dispute.

The Cabinet, meeting in Jerusalem, announced that it is prepared to discuss with General Vagn Bennike, U.N. Chief of Staff, "proper guarantees for safeguarding the private rights affected by the implementation of" the hydroelectric scheme.

Developments in the Security Council on the question of the B'not Ya'acov project will be discussed at 9 a.m. tomorrow at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

The official communique states:

The Cabinet heard a review by the Foreign Minister yesterday of the last stages of the Security Council's debate on the question of the Jordan River and the results.

The following resolution was passed:

1) The Cabinet notes that the Security Council having adopted no resolution on the complaint against Israel by Syria, which had led the Security Council to take up the matter, the Syrian complaint has failed.

2) The Cabinet, recalling that on October 23, 1953, the Government of Israel made an undertaking to the Security Council to halt temporarily the work on the Jordan River to enable the Security Council urgently to debate this question, notes that the debate has now ended.

3) The Cabinet announces that in accordance with its declared position and to pursue further the initiative taken prior to the debate in the Security Council, it would be prepared to discuss with the U.N. Chief of Staff proper guarantees for safeguarding the private rights affected by the implementation of the scheme. The Foreign Ministry has been instructed to act in this direction.

Complaint Out of Way

Our political correspondent writes:

It will be recalled that the Government, without prejudice to its rights in the matter, suspended work on the Jordan hydroelectric project on the eve of the Security Council deliberations solely in order to facilitate the discussions in a proper atmosphere.

Following the USSR veto on the Western Powers' resolution, the Syrian complaint, for all principal purposes, is now out of the way. Dr. Malik, or any member of the Council, has, of course, that technical right to bring forward a new motion at any time. However, it is hardly likely that the Security Council will waste any further effort on this issue, as three months have already been spent in a fruitless attempt to find a formula which would satisfy the West, the Arabs and now, latterly the USSR also. No such formula seems possible.

It is likely, therefore, that the next few weeks will be spent by Israel in exploring the matter further by diplomatic talks in the various capitals and with General Bennike and thus preparing the ground for a non-contentious resumption of work on the project.

No Early Resumption

Thus, apparently, there will be no early resumption of work, which, in any case, could not take place during the present rainy season.

The main points raised by General Bennike have been clarified in the discussions at the Security Council. The West seems to have been satisfied on the question of the sincerity of Israel's intentions and capacity to give acceptable guarantees on any questions of the land rights of Arabs in the area and also on the issue of irrigation and water, in which, in any case, it was clearly shown, Syria could have no possible *locus standi*.

The point of military advantage to Israel, raised by General Bennike, was also ruled out by clear implication in the discussions at the Council.

What was even more important was the accumulation of a good deal of authoritative comment by the representatives of the U.S., Britain and France in which they made it crystal clear that nothing should hinder the work of peaceful and vital development in Israel and that such work certainly is not to be subject, in effect, to a Syrian veto.

President Told Of New Government

The Prime Minister-Designate, Mr. Moshe Sharett, called on the President yesterday morning and informed him of the results of his efforts to form a Government.

Mr. Sharett also submitted to the President the list of the new members of the Government whom he will present to plenary session of the Knesset today.

Sharett to Present Cabinet Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The new Coalition Cabinet, comprising Ministers of Mapai the General Zionists, Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi, is expected to be presented to the Knesset this afternoon by the Premier-Designate, Mr. Moshe Sharett.

In addition to Mr. Sharett's becoming Prime Minister, while retaining the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Pinhas Lavon being confirmed as Minister of Defence, both positions previously held by Mr. Ben Gurion, the major change will be the vacancy in the Ministry of Justice.

The portfolio nominally will revert to the Prime Minister, but it will be held open for Mr. Pinhas Rosen, the present holder, should his Party, the Progressives, return to the Government. If they do not, it is believed that Mr. Haim Cohen, Attorney General, will take over the Ministry, Mr. Cohen acted as Minister of Justice from June to December, 1952, when the Progressives were out of the Government.

At four o'clock yesterday, a meeting of a few hours' duration was held in Mr. Sharett's Office. Messrs. M. Namir, M. Argov, and A. Govrin represented Mapai, and Mr. M. Shapiro, Dr. Y. Burg, Mr. I. Raphael, Mr. M. Chazani, and Rabbi I. Rosenberg represented the religious parties. Mr. I. Rokach was the sole General Zionist participant, Mr. J. Saphir being indisposed.

At the meeting, the final formulation of the inter-party agreements was achieved, with religious problems occupying a central place in the agenda.

In the evening, discussions continued between Mapai and General Zionist leaders at the Eden Hotel. It is understood that the question of presenting the new Government with or without a major statement of policy was the key question. Previously, it had been stated that Mr. Sharett and his Party opposed a statement of principles, considering the new coalition as a continuation of its predecessor. It was learned later that this view had prevailed.

This morning at nine, prior to a Cabinet session, the coalition agreement is to be signed, one of the negotiators told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. Following this, the new Cabinet will meet to decide finally on the method of presenting the Government to the Knesset.

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18 Armed Clashes in Week

In the week ending January 21, 18 clashes took place between armed infiltrators and the Security Forces. One infiltrator was killed and another captured during these incidents, it was announced yesterday.

In the same period, Arab aircraft had violated Israel territorial airspace on four occasions, and the Israel border was transgressed nine times for ploughing and grazing. There were 15 cases of theft of irrigation pipes and agricultural equipment.

JORDAN ALLEGES POLICE CROSSING

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Jordan today complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission that two Israel policemen had crossed the truce lines yesterday and had exchanged fire with an Arab National Guardsman.

Jordan alleged that the pair had crossed near Kalkilya and had returned to Israel territory after the firing.

Hussein Returning From Talks with Saud

King Hussein of Jordan will return to Amman today from his two-day conference with Saudi Arabia's King Saud at Badana, Arabian Desert frontier town between the two countries, ANA reports.

King Saud has issued a call to all Saudi Arabian subjects abroad to return to their homeland and aid in building up the country. He promised generous help to capital investors and specialists in various fields of Saudi Arabian reconstruction and development projects now under way.

INDIA REJECTS IDEA OF SOVIET, CHINESE PACTS

KALYANI, India, Sunday (UP) — The Congress Party's national conference today rejected a proposed resolution favouring mutual defence treaties with Russia and People's China.

Instead, the governing party resolved to maintain India's neutrality.

Arab League Session Ends Tomorrow

The Political Committee of the Arab League is to wind up its deliberations today and will submit recommendations to the League's Council, which will meet for the last time tomorrow, thus closing the 20th session of the League, one of the longest in its eight-year history.

Yesterday, the Political Committee discussed a series of recommendations by member states on effective means of preventing Arab crude oil from reaching Israel.

The Committee also decided to adopt a firm attitude towards the oil companies which refuse the demand for higher royalties submitted to them by League members (for the present, mainly Syria and the Lebanon).

(UNRWA)

New Tax Advance Is Planned For Next Fiscal Year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A second Unemployment Relief Tax will be levied during the coming fiscal year, *The Jerusalem Post* reliably learned last night.

The tax, intended by the Finance Ministry as a "symbol of solidarity with the unemployed," will be levied in approximately the same proportion as the first.

The Unemployment Relief Tax, in the form of an advance payment on income tax, refundable in three annual instalments, was passed by the Knesset on June 9, 1953.

The Law provides that persons with an annual income in 1952/53 of:

- up to IL.1,500, pay IL.15,
- from IL.1,500 to IL.1,800, pay IL.25,
- from IL.1,800 to IL.2,400, pay IL.50,
- from IL.2,400 to IL.3,000, pay IL.75,

up to a maximum payment of IL.650 on incomes above IL. 6,900.

Wage-earners are to have the tax deducted in 10 monthly instalments, self-employed persons four annually.

Residents who have paid this advance will have the first annual payment of one-third of the levy returned to them, or credited to the new advance, while those who have not yet paid the first, will pay both.

The Unemployment Relief Tax revenue is IL.15m. in the estimates for this year's Development Budget. About IL.3m. has been received so far with some Treasury officials expecting about IL.8-9m. by March, the end of the fiscal year.

The new advance on income tax will require the passing of another Unemployement Relief Bill.

1 in 5 May Pay Back Food, Fuel Subsidies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government may ask about one Israeli in five to rebate all or part of the subsidies it grants on food and other necessities, *The Jerusalem Post* learned from reliable sources in the Capital yesterday.

About IL.50 per capita, or between IL.80m.-IL.90m. is spent annually by the Government in keeping the prices of bread, fats, fuel and similar items low. The programme is based upon the Government's belief that a sizable proportion of the population does not need such subsidies.

It is planned that persons who annually earn from IL. 3,000-IL.4,000 (gross), would pay back part of the IL.50 The amount returned would grow progressively with the size of income.

It is expected that about IL.15m. will be rebated by about 20% of the population during the next fiscal year.

The major economic value of this programme is thought to be that it will not involve an abandonment of subsidization and a subsequent spiral of rising prices. Subsidies will be maintained, permitting industry to operate in a reasonably stable price structure.

The proposal has already been approved by the Economic Ministers' Committee, with the General Zionists Ministers in accord, it was learned. It is not yet known which Government department will handle the debate.

Among payers of the rebate will be veteran well-established kibbutzim, it was learned.

British Banker Urges Cut In Imports from US

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Lord Aldenham, Chairman of the Westminister Bank — one of Britain's biggest — said today that Britain should cut her imports from the U.S. to the barest essentials.

"In recent months there has been a definite recession in business in the U.S.," he said.

"And though we may hope that better methods have been evolved to avoid such serious depressions as those of 1929 and 1938, yet we must consider the effect on our economy which any marked recession in the U.S. would have."

Lord Aldenham's remarks were contained in his statement published today to the bank's shareholders.

It said, "This leads at once to the study of the Sterling gold and dollar reserve. This reserve increased during 1953 from £650m. to £880m. after providing £63m. for service of the U.S. and Canadian loans — an obligation which should always be regarded as a first claim on any dollars we earn."

2,000 Attend Burial Of Avalanche Victims

BLONS, Sunday (Reuter). — Over 2,000 persons attended the burial today of 50 people killed in the avalanche disaster which swept the Vorarlberg Province nearly two weeks ago.

Mourners overflowed the tiny village cemetery. They had come from the neighbouring valleys and from the provincial capital, Bregenz. The village of Blons, with a population of under 300, alone suffered a death toll of 16.

Hemingway, Wife in Uganda Plane Crash

KAMPALA, UGANDA, Sunday (Reuter). — A plane carrying the novelist Ernest Hemingway and his wife crashed yesterday over Murchison Falls, where the River Nile plunges 130 metres down through a rock chasm in north-west Uganda.

Wreckage of a plane, believed to be that of the Hemingway's, was sighted today three miles below the Falls, and a search plane reported that there was no sign of life.

A police rescue party immediately set out to battle up the Nile by launch from Lake Albert to the wild country where the plane came down.

It is the least accessible part of Uganda, thick with big game, including elephants, hippopotamuses, buffaloes and crocodiles.

US Army to Probe PoW 'Confessors'

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — The Marine Corps today ordered a formal investigation into whether Colonel Frank Schwable, Marine pilot, should be punished for making a "germ warfare" confession while held by the Communists.

Col Schwable, former Chief of Staff of the 1st Marine Air Wing in Korea, was held captive by the Communists for 14 months until finally released last September. He "confessed" to conducting germ warfare in Korea after being held in solitary confinement for months.

Others to Follow

This was the second disciplinary step taken in the past two days against former prisoners. A high defence official said that others are to follow, including steps against prisoners who turned "progressive."

Meanwhile, the Army and the Defence Department disagreed over the former's decision to fire court martial charges against Corporal Edward Dickenson, who returned home after first refusing to do so. He was charged with consorting with the Communists while a prisoner in order to gain favourable treatment over his fellow prisoners.

Psychological War

A Defence Department spokesman stated that the Army's action was taken without consulting the Department, and had upset a "last ditch" psychological warfare campaign to persuade the 21 American prisoners still in Korea to return home.

Assistant Defence Secretary John Hannah said he was informed several days ago that a fact-finding committee would determine whether charges should be lodged against Cpl. Dickenson. While a "little surprised" that the Army's action was announced so soon, Mr. Hannah added that the case "is strictly an Army matter" and "does not need my approval."

Part of US Press Urges China Policy Review

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Proposals for a re-examination of U.S. policies toward People's China have stirred angry controversy in Congress and in the nation's newspapers.

Many influential papers are supporting the idea of a more flexible approach to the whole China question. On the other hand, a number of staunchly nationalist papers which back the congressional supporters of Chiang Kai-shek are in the forefront of opposition to any policy review now.

The current controversy arose after Mr. Arthur Dean, the chief U.S. delegate to the Panmunjom talks with the Communists in Korea, suggested earlier this month that it was time for a "new look" at policy objectives, to seek ways of divorcing China from the Soviet Union.

This drew immediate blasts of criticism from the pro-Chiang group in Congress, who believe that second thoughts might lead to adoption of a "softer" American attitude toward the Government of Mao Tse-tung. Republican Senator Herman Welker has even accused Mr. Dean of "chanting the fiery song of collaboration" with the rulers of People's China and demanded that his loyalty be investigated.

But there are many members of the liberal internationalist wing in Congress who feel that the U.S. should be flexible and not "frozen," and in this they are joined by such papers as the "Washington Post," the "New York Post" and the "Baltimore Sun."

Most Released PoW's Join S. Korean Army

SEOUL, Sunday (AFP). — Eighty per cent of the North Korean prisoners released in South Korea have enlisted in the South Korean Army, a Government spokesman said today.

The choice between immediate enlistment and subsequent draft, after their return to civilian status, was offered yesterday to 3,640 North Koreans, two days after their release from the demilitarized zone. The spokesman stated that 2,912 elected to enlist at once and were issued advance pay.

No particulars are available as to the choice made by the remaining 7,500 North Korean prisoners released on Jan. 20.

Policy Statements to Open Big 4 Talks in Berlin Today

Spain Denies Trying To Split Morocco

MADRID, Sunday (Reuter). — The Spanish High Commissioner in Morocco, General Garcia Valino, denied French claims that Moorish leaders' demands for separation from the authority of the Sultan destroys Moroccan political unity, it was learned here today.

"It only reflects the unanimous desire of the Moroccans to separate themselves from an atmosphere of unrest and terrorism, which is all that can be expected from France," he told the correspondent of the Spanish newspaper, "ABC."

France formally protested last week against a demand on Thursday from 430 Moorish leaders that Spanish Morocco be separated from the French Zone and the authority of the French appointed Sultan, Mohammed ben Arafa.

In Rabat, the Sultan hit back today at the Tetuan gathering which refused to recognize him.

He went on to speak of the "civilizing action" of France in Morocco, adding, "No one could attribute its merits to others without seeming to confuse the beam of a lighthouse with the glimmer of some meagre candle."

In Cairo, a spokesman of the Arab League headquarters said that Spain has told the Arab countries she will offer self-government to Spanish Morocco soon.

The League's Political Committee called on the eight League members tonight to support Spain in the dispute with France over recognition of the Sultan of Morocco.

French Troops from Korea Advance in Indo-China

TUY HOA, Sunday (UP). — Tough French veterans of the Korean war slashed through Vietminh defences today with the bitter close-quarter fighting for which they are famous, in their first appearance on the battlefields of Indo-China.

In the first large-scale fighting for the possession of this rich province, the regiment which grew out of the French Korean battalion, cracked Vjetminh defences and captured an encampment west of Tuy Hoa.

A French Command spokesman said that they were backed by a green, untested division of 10,000 loyal Vietnam troops.

The French troops spearheaded a multi-pronged thrust into the Communist-led limestone hills surrounding Tuy Hoa in a bid to ensure safety for this port which has become the main base of operation "Atlanta" to free 3 million natives from Communist rule.

Holland to Ask Iraq To Release Dutch Israeli

THE HAGUE, Sunday (INA). — At the request of the Israel Government, the Dutch Government is to make representations to the Government of Iraq for the release of Mrs. Minnie Barness, one of the three persons held when a Cyprus-to-Teheran plane made an emergency landing in Baghdad.

Mrs. Barness is of Dutch origin and still holds Dutch citizenship.

Turkish President May Ask US for $76m. in Aid

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — A "New York Times" dispatch from Ankara said today that during his visit to Washington President Celal Bayar of Turkey would seek to justify his country's request for $76m. in economic aid.

The dispatch said Turkey feared that it was sometimes overlooked by U.S. policy makers, and added that the Turks hope the President, one of the country's leading economists, can remedy this situation during his official visit to the U.S. which begins on Tuesday.

"He will also advocate continued military assitance," the report said, "but the burden of his argument will be the key role that U.S. economic aid can play in enabling Turkey expand her exports and earn the foreign exchange with which to purchase her own military equipment."

Persian Gov't Studies British Oil Proposals

TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Persian Government leaders and their advisers, in a special meeting lasting until early today, considered oil proposals submitted yesterday by British Charge d'Affaires Denis Wright.

The proposals were believed to concern the proportioning of oil profits and marketing among Persian, British and American groups. More meetings are due now that the talks with Britain have entered the stage of precise proposal and counter-proposal.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The [illegible]nion and China have concluded a new trade agreement, TASS, the official Soviet news agency, announced last night.

Dulles, Molotov Meet in Advance

BERLIN, Sunday, The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov today told the three Western Foreign Ministers that he agrees to their proposal to start the four-power conference a 14.00 G.M.T. tomorrow (4 p.m. Israel time), Allied sources reported today.

News of Mr. Molotov's agreement came just as the Western Ministers—America's John Foster Dulles, Britain's Anthony Eden and France's Georges Bidault — met at Mr. Dulles' residence for what is expected to be their final meeting together before facing Mr. Molotov across the conference table in the Allied Control Authority building in the American sector.

Diplomatic sources here tonight forecast that the four-power conference tomorrow will open with policy statements.

The three Western Ministers decided today to propose to Mr. Molotov that these statements should be made before discussion of the agenda. It was thought that the Soviet Minister would agree to this.

German Unity

The West's statements will reaffirm their conviction that the conference should aim at agreement on the question of German unity and the conclusion of the Austrian state treaty.

Mr. Molotov is likely to reiterate his view that world tension and international disarmament should be discussed. He is expected to call for a later five-power conference with the People's Republic of China.

The Western Ministers had already met twice yesterday to put the finishing touches to their plans for tomorrow's talks.

Mr. Dulles today scheduled a meeting with Mr. Molotov to settle "procedural questions" so that the Foreign Ministers can get down to business as quickly as possible when they meet tomorrow afternoon.

The Dulles-Molotov meeting will be the first between American and Soviet Foreign Ministers since 1949. They will meet at the Allied Control Authority building tomorrow, a few minutes before the formal four-power sessions begin.

Molotov Sees Pieck

Front pages of the East Berlin Press this morning carried pictures of a smiling Molotov with East German President Wilhelm Pieck and his Premier Otto Grotewohl, whom he visited shortly after arriving here from Moscow yesterday.

The Communist-controlled Berlin Radio said tonight that Grotewohl and his Foreign Minister Lothar Bolz had sent identical letters to the four Foreign Ministers asking that representatives of the East German Democratic Republic and of West Germany be admitted to the conference during the consideration of all questions relating to Germany.

They also repeated East German demands for the immediate conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany and withdrawal of all occupation troops, the restoration of German unity on a democratic basis and the immediate end to the rearmament of West Germany. *(Reuter, UP)*

Israel's Observer Arrives in Berlin

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — Dr. Haim Yahil, official Israel observer to the Big Four conference, flew here from West Germany tonight accompanied by Mrs. Yahil.

Dr. Yahil is expected to ask the four Foreign Ministers to support Israel's claim for reparations from East Germany, which has so far refused to recognize Israel's right to them.

Soviet Check Against Wire-Tapping

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — Soviet Security agents checked all microphone installations in the Big 4 Foreign Ministers conference room in West Berlin tonight as a precaution against wire-tapping.

Plainclothes Russian detectives also crossed over from East Berlin to make a minute inspection of security arrangements in the former Allied Control Authority building where the first week's talks will be held.

German technicians who had installed the simultaneous translation equipment for the Ministers were ordered to leave the room. Then Russian communications experts examined every part of the microphone and headphone system that will pump out simultaneous English, French and Russian translations of the delegates' speeches. This equipment, similar to that used in the U.N. in New York, was installed after the Russians had dropped their objections that its speed of operation led to inaccuracies and that it might be tapped. The Americans and the British argued that it would at least halve the time of conference proceedings.

Inspect Ante-Rooms

Russian security guards who will be in the building during the talks inspected the various ante-rooms leading off the conference hall, opened windows leading onto the balcony outside and checked that all connecting doors were locked.

Foreign Minister Molotov's military escort will remain outside the building, but his plainclothes bodyguard will accompany him inside to the doors of the conference hall.

Armed American, French and British military police will guard all doors and will be posted on the three galleries which look down on the entrance hall.

The four Ministers will sit round the sides of a hollow square formed by 20 plain walnut tables in the centre of the conference room. Over their heads is a mock Florentine painting of the Day of Judgement.

French Foreign Minister Bidault, who is expected to be the conference chairman tomorrow, will almost certainly sit in front of a white marble fireplace with his back to its decoration of imperial eagles — a reminder to delegates of the German problem which will take up much of the discussions.

Dulles, Eden to Coordinate Policy on Middle East

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — "The New York Times" columnist Drew Middleton reported from London today that it was felt in London that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will work out a single policy for the Middle East.

Egypt would be the starting point of any such conference which will cover the whole area from Turkey to Pakistan, Mr. Middleton said.

It was felt that the U.S. Ambassador in Cairo, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, had encouraged the Egyptians to demand more than London would ever be willing to concede.

Mr. Middleton said that the British are well aware of the need for new political and military arrangements throughout the Middle East, but are unwilling to proceed with them until negotiations are based on a co-ordinated strategic plan.

Soviet Ambassador To Rome Recalled

ROME, Sunday (Reuter). — Soviet Ambassador to Italy, Mikhail Kostyiev, has been recalled and will be replaced by Alexander Bogomolov, former Ambassador to Prague, the Italian Foreign Ministry announced today.

Mr. Kostyiev had been the Soviet Ambassador in Rome since April 28, 1945. No official reason was given for his recall.

The Italian Government has declared the new Ambassador acceptable.

Mr. Bogomolov has been in the Russian diplomatic service since he left the army in 1939. He has seen service in Paris, London, Algeria and in Italy. For six years, from 1944, he was Russian Ambassador in Paris.

E. Berlin Restores 68 Phone Lines to West

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — The East Berlin postal authorities today restored 68 out of several thousand East-West Berlin telephone lines severed since June, 1952, West Berlin post officials said.

Of these, 20 connect the two international press headquarters for the four-power conference set up in East and West Berlin. The remaining 48 lines link the two conference sites — the Allied Control Authority building in the West and the Soviet Embassy building in the East.

The Communist-led East German National Front today called on "all Berliners" to attend a mass meeting in East Berlin tomorrow night, Soviet controlled Berlin Radio said.

East Berlin Mayor Friedrich Ebert will deliver the main speech on "what the Berlin population expects from the Foreign Ministers Conference."

British 'Guerrilla' Strikes To Break Out Anew Today

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — A new phase in the "guerrilla" strikes by Britain's Communist-led Electrical Trades Union opens tomorrow when over 7,000 men will be called out in London for a week.

The strike will herald a fresh line of action by strike leaders in their bitter dispute against employers over a claim for three pence an hour extra pay.

About 1,700 electricians are out on definite strike action. Indications are that the Electrical Trades Union will hit harder in the near future by bringing several industrial cities into the wage war. Main targets will be power stations, factories, hospitals and schools. About 20,000 men will be involved.

No immediate settlement is believed possible. Some employers have offered to make a pay pact, but most have resisted all demands and some have barred the strikers from work. The union has pledged itself to "fight to the finish."

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to luncheon Mr. M. Rosenbaum, Miss K. Pantilova, Mr. Y. Fichman, Miss A. Pinkerfeld and Miss A. Schmitta. They held a reception on Saturday night for representatives of Jerusalem manufacturers.

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The Haifa Municipality and public institutions held a farewell reception in honour of Mr. M. Hindes yesterday on the occasion of his transfer to the Bank Leumi Management in Jerusalem, after 14 years of public service in Haifa.

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Mr. Edwin Samuel returned from England yesterday and is to leave next Sunday for a five week tour of South Africa on behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

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Professor Abba Lerner, member of the Economic Advisory Board, will deliver a guest lecture in English on "The Nature of Inflation" under the auspices of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences-Hebrew University at 8.30 this evening at the Terra Sancta Building, Room 31. The public is invited.

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Dr. Thomas H. MacGrail, Cultural Attache at the U.S. Embassy, will lecture on "An American in Japan" at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv branch of the Association of University Women on Tuesday, at 1.15 p.m. at Z.O.A. House.

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Professor Salomone Gatteg no will speak on "Artistic Tours in Italy," in Hebrew and Italian, at the Technion (Hall 80) at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow. The lecture, together with lantern-slides, is sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Committee.

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The first concert for students by the Army Symphony Orchestra will be given at 4.30 p.m. today at the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv.

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BIRTH

SHIFRIN — to Gussie (née Rothstein), wife of Dennis Shifrin, Tel Aviv, on "Tu B'Shvat"—a son. The Brith Milah will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Hadassah Hospital, Hadarya.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Drama Reading:** —
"Life with Father", by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, auspices: The Jerusalem Dramatic Circle. Information Centre, American Consulate General. 8 p.m.

★ **Libraries:** —
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free. 9-1, 2-6.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Permanent exhibition and finds from excavation near Ein Gedi, Dept. of Antiquities, 28 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Daily 9-1.

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Drawings by Leopold Krakauer. Copper works by Abraham Habbah. Memorial exhibition: Copper engravings by Joseph Hecht. Old Dutch and Italian Masters. Exhibit of the month: Blue glass bottle. Palestinian workshop, first century C.E. National Museum Benzel. 9-1, 2-5.
Paintings by Melita Schiffer and David Wittman, auspices: The Israel Painters and Sculptors Association, Artists' House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Show:** —
Keren Hayesod, 11.30-12.30.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:** —
a) Oil Paintings, Gouaches and Woodcuts by Ya'acov Eisenscher.
b) Oil Paintings and Drawings by R. Louisda.
"Leonardo the Artist and Man of Science," photographs and reproductions "Illustrated Manuscripts." Sketches by Leopold Krakauer, Municipal Museum, 10-6 p.m.

★ **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "The Living Corpse," Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.
"Tygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.
Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

★ **Concert:** —
L.P. Records: Offenbach—"Tales of Hoffmann." Pevsner Hall. 5 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:** —
Do-Re-Mi, "Countess Maritza," Operetta, Ramz Cinema, 8.30 p.m.

MIKVEH ISRAEL

★ **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "Most Cruel — The King", 8 p.m.

KFAR SABA

★ **Theatre:** —
"Naar-A-Din," Chamber Theatre. 9 p.m.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL
OPERA
TEL AVIV: HABIMAH
Tomorrow, Jan. 26 at 8.15 p.m.
Fledermaus
(The Bat)
Operetta in 3 Acts by J. Strauss
TEL AVIV: HABIMAH
Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 8.15 p.m.
Rigoletto
Opera in 3 acts (4 scenes) by G. VERDI
Tickets: Berlin, 97 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv, Tel. 4656 and at the Habimah box office.

Only One Glass Of Wine a Week

By SYD APPLEBAUM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The average Israeli drinks a glass of wine or spirits for Shabbat once a week — and that's about the extent of his imbibing. Man, woman and child, Israelis consume on the average 2.8 litres of wine and 1.28 litres of spirits a year. Consumption of local wine is about 4.5 million litres annually, and locally distilled spirits (brandy, arak, etc.) average about two million litres.

DELIVERIES
(in thousands of litres)

Year	Wine	Distilled Spirits
1949	3,852	1,542
1950	5,039	2,005
1951	4,082	2,107
1952	4,944	1,938
1953	4,030	2,040

Any line in consumption, bearing in mind the increase in population, may be attributed to the reduced public purchasing power following the introduction of the New Economic Policy, and, for spirits, the price increases since the lifting of Government controls. Especially at fault are some restaurants and hotels, which charge considerably more than the regular price.

About 20% of the retail cost of wine is excise tax, with additional luxury tax charged on wines costing over IL.1 per bottle. Spirits such as cognac or brandy are taxed about IL.1.500 per bottle (compared with £1.5.- in England per bottle of whisky). Thus, total revenue from excise tax on wine and spirits is about IL.5.5m.

The Government is encouraging wine sales, permitting the sale of "shpritz" (a wine-soda-water mixture) at kiosks. Producers could certainly encourage consumption by cutting prices.

Until last year, Cuban molasses and Cyprus raisins were imported for producing alcohol. Now the local sugar beet crop can cover all these needs, and, in view of the heavy grape crop, the authorities are considering encouraging production of distillate of wine for cognac, and stopping imports of raisins.

In spite of this policy, Ministry of Commerce figures show that import licences have been granted for 1,866 tons of black raisins (at a cost of $192,500 c.i.f.) during the first 17 days of December only, for "export production."

Excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol are indispensible items in any government budget. Their contribution of about IL.20m. per year to the Treasury is a substantial amount, almost 10% of the total revenue of the Ordinary Budget. As a matter of fact, however, the share of these items in the total revenue here is much lower than in most other countries.

One substantial achievement by the administrators of these taxes is that there has never been a lack of supply or overcharging on controlled prices. Utmost encouragement has been given the producers of raw materials in Israel, thus cutting down foreign currency imports. The Director of State Revenue is Dr. Kurt Mendelsohn.

Immigration of American Youth Seen on Moral Basis Only

By a Special Correspondent

Immigration to Israel from America is feasible and desirable, provided that a proper study of the problem is made, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, said at a meeting of the Tel Aviv branch of the General Zionists Organization in the ZOA House on Thursday night. Dr. Neumann stated that there had been voluntary settlers from the U.S. in past years, but no mass movement, because of the difference in conditions in the free democracies as compared with those in the lands of oppression.

To resolve that a Zionist is only one who comes to Israel is merely a "Declarationary Zionism," and would have no practical benefit whatsoever.

To equate Zionism with *Aliyah* would not have the slightest advantage. It might lead to some members leaving the Zionist Organization, while others would merely ignore such an unrealistic declaration. Moreover, such an attitude, unimaginative and unconstructive, is unfair to the Zionist movement.

For decades, Zionists have been the partners of the *Yishuv* in the struggle for a Jewish State and as such have made a distinguished and indispensable contribution. Now, an attempt is being made to ignore and obscure, if not to destroy, the record of those services.

American Zionists are being overlooked, and their share in the political victory of the State blacked out. Instead of acknowledging their efforts and encouraging them, it is proposed that they be pronounced as no longer Zionists unless they settle in Israel.

It is a mistake to assume that the Zionist Organization abroad is now superfluous. The State, as does the *Yishuv*, needs it to uphold Israel politically, economically and financially.

Zionism, in its expression of the will to live of the Jewish people, transcended the State which is the instrument of the people, and not *vice versa*, Dr. Neumann continued. The continuity of Jewry is the objective to which the State is a means, and it is blindness to disparage Jewry abroad, which constitutes a precious element of the whole people. It is necessary for the State to win the cooperation of the Jews in all spheres, and the Zionists are the instrument to that end.

Only Money Demanded

Dr. Neumann recalled that for years the leaders of the *Yishuv* had demanded only donations from American Jews who had generously responded. This persistent appeal for funds which had led to the enhancement of well-to-do subscribers had deadened the spiritual aspect of Zionism.

It had to be recognized, Dr. Neumann added, that all mass immigration to Israel had been due to pressure, both economic and social, such as did not exist in the U.S., where Jews are free and secure. For them, the attraction of Israel must be of a moral nature. Zionism had to be presented as an ideal and not as a means to a refuge, present or potential. This calls for an appreciation of their mentality and the conditions under which they live. It also means maintaining high standards in Israel herself.

The *Aliyah* from abroad must be matched by an *Aliyah* — of the spirit — in Israel, too. Approached in this way, he believed that American youth would respond, not in vast numbers, but in a quality immigration which is vital to the State.

Malben to House Invalids, Aged at Pardess Hanna

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Malben has agreed to assume responsibility for the re-housing and subsequent maintenance of the 2,700 aged persons and invalids still in the Pardess Hanna camp, it was announced here on Friday. During the coming year about 800 of them will be transferred to two homes for the aged now being built in Natanya and Givat Hashlosha and to custodial care centres elsewhere.

One hundred aged blind persons will be housed in homes of their own, while the remaining 1,600 to 1,700 will be moved from their present temporary canvas huts to permanent buildings especially adapted for them as soon as these are completed, either on the site of the Pardess Hanna camp or elsewhere. The cost of housing for these later cases is estimated at IL.2m.

Malben is to build homes for a further 1,000 to 1,500 old persons now on their waiting list and at present living in various parts of the country. These plans will treble the number of persons now being cared for in 15 Malben homes for the aged, bringing their number to about 6,000.

The Wedding Is Off

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — A Brooklyn couple, who planned to be married before thousands of television viewers on the programme "Bride and Groom", got into such an argument over the arrangements that they broke off their engagement, and yesterday the prospective groom was sent to a psychiatric ward.

The marriage began to blow up when the sponsors called a meeting with the couple, Josephine Buono and Sigmund Welt, on Wednesday, the night before the programme was to go on the air. At the meeting, the sponsors decided to send the couple to New Jersey for their honeymoon.

Welt was infuriated. He demanded that they be sent to Florida or California, and not to New Jersey which is just across the Hudson River. Miss Buono said that Princeton sounded all right to her. The young man, however, refused to appear on the programme if they were not given a more attractive honeymoon. The "bride" pointed out that all her friends had made special arrangements to be at their TV sets at the appointed wedding hour, and demanded that he should go through with the ceremony. Welt insisted that it was Florida, California or nothing. Miss Buono said she would take anything, and stamped from the conference room.

Yesterday morning at five o'clock, Welt broke into the Buono home and silently went to Josephine's bedroom. Her father, a prudent man, had changed beds with her for the night. He grabbed Welt and called for the police.

In court, where he was charged with malicious mischief, Welt professed his undying love for Miss Buono. The Magistrate listened with interest and then sent Welt to Kings County Hospital for psychiatric care.

HADASSAH DOCTORS' RESEARCH IN U.S.

The American National Council to Combat Blindness has awarded a special fellowship worth $4,200 to a Hadassah ophthalmologist, Dr. E. Auerbach, to enable him to continue an important research project. Dr. Auerbach was awarded a Hadassah fellowship last year to enable him to undertake post-graduate studies in ophthalmic physiology at Harvard University.

Similarly, Dr. L. Farhi, of the Chest Disease Department of the Hadassah University Hospital, has been awarded a $5,000 stipend by the University of Rochester to enable him to carry out a further year's work there in lung physiology, upon completion of the year of post-graduate work in this field which he has been doing in New York on a regular Hadassah Fellowship.

BET SHEMESH HAS WATER AGAIN

Bet Shemesh has water again as a result of a temporary agreement between the settlement and Mekorot, reached on Friday at a meeting in the Office of the District Representative in Jerusalem.

The settlement undertook to pay IL.200 immediately and IL.300 before March 31, to settle its outstanding debt to Mekorot. It also promised to pay all new accounts on time. The District Representative will see that the terms of the agreement are adhered to.

Bet Shemesh, in the Jerusalem Corridor, had been without water for three days as Mekorot had cut off the supply to force payment of debts.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 31.8, 48.9 & 322 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., & 6.15 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m. 8.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.
12.00 N. Music at Noon (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Cuban Overture (Gershwin); Violin Concerto (Grunberg); Mississippi Suite (Grofe). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 3.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Piano Recital: Rondo Koerber-Leventin. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 At the Opera (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Stories of the People. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answer to the Citizen. 9.00 Curtain Up. 9.45 Light Music (R). 10.00 Collegium Musicum: Peggy Salomon, Asher Feldman, Marjory Bentwich, Marc Reisner, Willi Lange & Arieh Sachs. Soloists: Mira Salomon & Shmuel Aviboni: Psalm for Two Countraltos, String and Harpsichord (Marcello); Dance Suite for String Quintet (Boccherini). 10.30 "Notturno" (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 4.30 Messages to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Literature Corner. 6.30 Ballet Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (19.3, 24.9 & 468 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.1 M.): 11.15 News. Newsreel & Economic Review. 11.45 Vocal Recital.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 214, 225 & 239 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 The Soldier as a Civilian. 8.00 Harry James & his Orchestra. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.80; 24.92; 30.83; 30.99 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News; News Talk; Press Review.

Press Review: 'Two Questions Unanswered'

Most morning newspapers comment on the Soviet veto in the Security Council. "Davar" (Histadrut) says that Mr. Vyshinsky did not answer two questions: what standing Syria has in the whole matter and how to meet the logical conclusion of his own proposal: forbidding the continuation of the Jordan project. Syria refuses in principle to discuss any difference in Israel. To insist on Syrian agreement to the continuation of the project means that Mr. Vyshinsky demands that Israel stop the work as long as Col. Shishakly does not change his attitude. It is difficult to understand how Russia could possibly make the whole development scheme dependent on a decision by such a dictator.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) believes that the Russian veto possibly has been influenced by considerations not directly connected with the Middle East. Yet it must be admitted that Russia, for the first time, has taken in a demonstrative manner a pro-Arab stand, a fact which may not be unconnected with the present campaign in favour of neutralism in some Arab countries. If such is the case, then it is clear that Russia is now competing for the sympathy of the Arab governments.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) points out that the Russian veto, the first to be used on a Middle Eastern question, has been hailed as a triumph by the Arab governments, while Mr. Wilner, the Communist M.K., speaking in Haifa, is reported by "Kol Ha'am" to have stated that the masses in Israel should express their deep and heartfelt thanks both to Russia for having used the veto and also to Mr. Vyshinsky for his courageous stand in defending the interests of the peoples of Syria and Israel. Dr. Sneh is reported as having made a similar declaration in the name of "all Israel patriots."

The New York correspondent of "Zmanim" (Progressive) calls Mr. Vyshinsky's use of the veto an extreme pro-Arab demonstration. Editorially "Zmanim" says the veto is a "surprise," because it was assumed that Russia would abstain and not give the Syrians the right to block the continuation of the Jordan River development project. The paper also thinks that Israel should immediately lodge a complaint against the acts of piracy committed recently by Egypt.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) believes that those who predicted a lessening of the world tension and the cold war apparently have been mistaken as proven, among others, by the Soviet veto which is part and parcel of the cold war. The situation now created is confusing and perplexing. The paper draws attention to the fact that the Arab Press and radio describe the Soviet veto as a great victory for their governments. Paradoxically enough, the paper claims, this will intensify the Arab demands vis-a-vis the U.S. (a possibility also considered by the "Ha'aretz" U.N. correspondent). "Haboker" doubts whether Russia wants to back any of the sides involved in the Jordan River disputes, because her interests are much greater. "Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) describes the Soviet veto as one of the worst features of an attitude towards political problems which is not influenced by considerations connected with the problem.

$2.2m. in Import Permits Issued in Fortnight

By a Special Correspondent

Import licences totalling $2.2m. were issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry from December 24 to January 6, the Ministry's registry shows.

The list includes the following major items: hardened palm oil for the manufacture of margarine ($146,000), cocoa beans ($90,000), frozen meat ($90,000), barley ($90,000), iron materials ($348,000), timber for furniture ($45,000), cotton ($233,000), wool tops ($175,000), various yarns ($318,000) and hides for leather production ($594,000).

Licences on account of German Reparations totalled $928,000, including those for palm oil, iron, yarns and hides. A sum of $333,000 was allocated from the American grant-in-aid for cotton and hides. Exporters' deposits were used for financing imports to the amount of $200,000.

The list also includes barter deals totalling $144,000, mainly for hides.

The list reveals that National Funds are still transferring a part of their income, not in cash, but in form of imported commodities, in order to get a higher exchange rate. Thus, wool tops and iron materials are to be imported by the Jewish Agency and National Funds to the amount of $323,000.

Students' Part in Country's Sports Officially Recognized

By M. ADIN

The Israel Amateur Sports Federation officially recognized the Academic Sports Association when the sports committees of the Hebrew University, the Technion and the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics were invited last week to submit their membership lists.

The *de jure* recognition of this body, drawing its members from more than 5,000 students, is in line with the students' expressed intent to take part in local, national and international sports competitions, and their *de facto* recognition last year, when 83 members of the Hebrew University and the Technion took part in the Independence Day relay race from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Extra-Curricular Sports

Capturing third place, behind Hapoel and Maccabi and in front of Elitsur and Betar, the ASA proved that the extra-curricular sports groups operating in the two colleges have produced hundreds of well-trained athletes.

One of the first steps of the initiators of the ASA was to apply for membership of FISU (the international federation of university sports) and it is learned that the application will soon be accepted. This will qualify Israel students for participation in international academic sports.

Meanwhile, the sports committee of the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics, which has only recently started its activities with basketball, soccer and table tennis sections, has been invited to take part in the inter-collegiate annual sports meetings when the Technion and the Hebrew University compete in eight different sports including track and field events, swimming, and waterpolo, soccer, basketball, volleyball, handball (continental) and table-tennis. Students of the School of Physical Training Instructors also meet Haifa and Jerusalem students in various competitions.

H.U. long-distance runners participate in various Maccabi and Hapoel open cross-country and town races — including the 11-kilometre Mt. Tabor race, and the University's fine Basketball Selected, which last year reached the finals of the Hapoel championship, now plays in the Jerusalem basketball league sponsored by the YMCA. The Technion Handball Selected joined the national league last year.

The ASA is determined to train strong teams in all sports popular in the country, picking members from the thousands of youngsters who come to them from secondary schools every year. In the Technion, compulsory sports for first year students was introduced four years ago, while 600 students now take part weekly in P.T. classes which have been incorporated in the Hebrew University's first year curriculum.

Whilst the Technion has shown throughout great understanding of the value of sports in college life, University authorities also have recently recognized sports as an educational and important recreational factor in a student's life. There are a number of professors cooperating with the students' keen sports committee. Outstanding among them are Professors A. Frankel (who won the gold Ot Hasport medal last year by repeating the fitness test for the 10th time in succession); A. Dushkin, enthusiastic initiator of extra-curricular sports activities; M. Schwabe who gladly remembers his own achievements in sport when studying Hellenistic culture as a young man; T. Grushka, mental hygiene expert who believes that sports save hospital beds; A. L. Ulitzky, chairman of the sports committee, and Dr. Ayalon. They are strongly backed by Professor B. Mazar, University President.

Plan Gymnasium

Catering for more than 1,000 students who participate in 13 different sports; coached by some 20 instructors, some of them students, who are directed by veteran Marathon runner and sports instructor Walter Fraenkel, the committee is now trying to raise the funds to build a provisional gymnasium in the centre of Jerusalem.

At present students use the YMCA and the Rehavia Secondary School. But until the new university campus can house the various facilities, now dispersed all over the capital, the increasing need for practice facilities makes the construction of a gymnasium imperative.

Compared with the important part played by students in the national sports life of the U.S., the British Commonwealth, in Western Europe and in the Soviet bloc, Israel student sports are only in their infancy. But the formation by student committees of the ASA, the krowing understanding of the value of sports among college authorities and its recognition by the Amateur Sport Federation, give positive proof that Israel sports will soon be considerably strengthened by an intelligent, keen and fit body of youngsters who seek recreation and a sense of solidarity through sport.

English Soccer Results

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal v Sunderland 1:4, Blackpool v Aston Villa 3:2, Cardiff v Manchester City 0:3, Chelsea v Huddersfield 2:2, Liverpool v Tottenham 3:2, Manchester United v Bolton 1:5, Middlesbrough v Charlton 0:2, Newcastle v Preston 0:4, Portsmouth v Wolverhampton 2:0, Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield United 3:2, West Bromwich v Burnley 0:0.

SECOND DIVISION

Birmingham v Stroke 1:0, Blackburn v Hull 3:1, Brentford v Lincoln 0:1, Bury v Oldham 1:0, Derby v Notts County 0:0, Doncaster v Everton 2:2, Leeds v Fulham 1:2, Luton v Rotherham 1:1, Notts Forest v Leicester 3:1, Plymouth v Swansea 1:1, West Ham v Bristol Rovers 1:1.

Standings in the English first soccer division after last weekend's games were:

West Bromwich 41 points, Wolverhampton 39, Huddersfield 35, Bolton 35, Burnley 35, Manchester United 31, Charlton 30, Preston 29, Arsenal 28, Chelsea 28, Blackpool 28, Tottenham 26, Cardiff 26, Portsmouth 25, Newcastle 25, Manchester City 25, Sheffield Wednesday 25, Sunderland 23, Aston Villa 23, Sheffield United 22, Middlesbrough 20, Liverpool 17.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Alias Nick Beal.
EDEN: Above and Beyond. 2nd week.
EDISON: La Charbreuse de Parme.
ORGIL: Where's Charley ?. 2nd week.
ORION: Springfield Rifle.
ORNA: Coiffeur Pour Dames.
STUDIO: Eroica. 2nd week.
ZION: La P... Respectueuse. At 6.30 & 8.30 only.

Notice to the Public

STATE LOAN ADMINISTRATION
Drawing of the War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1948—3rd Issue
The 35th drawing of the above Loan will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1954, at 10 a.m. at the "Ohel Shem" Hall, 50 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.
Entrance free. The public is invited.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Baltsh, 9 Rehov Straus, 2511.
TEL AVIV: Avramski, 43 Allenby, 3526; Hyrcin, 22 Hagdud Halvri, 62306; Bilski, 3 Kikar Dizengoff, 28349; Yaffa, 172 Ben Yehuda, 24543; Hatikva, Hatikva Qr., 67404.
JAFFA: Galenica, 19 Rehov 4, 80420.
RAMAT GAN: Lifshitz, 19 Herzl.
GIVATAYIM: Mamelouk, Shehunat Borochov.
HAIFA: Glusman, 13 Balfour, 4033. Lavanoni, 81 Kingsway, 3596. KIRYAT MOTZKIN: Pentagon.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Weigl, Romema, 61266. Dr. Romanof, 28 Abarbanel, 61217.
TEL AVIV: Dr. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25942. Dr. Sahar, 165 Dizengoff, 26383. Dr. Levital, 3 Mapu, 24582. Dr. Levitan, 11 Hayarden, 66507.
JAFFA: Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65.
HAIFA: Dr. Eckstein, 13 Hashalom, 66008. Dr. Bilski, 7 Ihud, 2199. Dr. Berger, 13 Sderot Bat Galim, 2088. Dr. Landau, 4 Mahanaim, 6832.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

JAN. 24.		Rise or Fall
Govt. Loans		
5% 1965 (reg.)	100½	—
3% 1956 (reg.)	101	—
Pop. Loans		
1949/69 (IL.12)	99½	—
1950/78 (IL.10)	96½	—
3½% Tavel Dollar	1369x	—11c)
3½% Tavel Dollar	1383x	—10
3½% War Loan 54/69	82½	—½
3½% Govt. Bonds large	91½	—
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	72½	—½
Ser. 2	72½	—½
Ser. 3	73	—½
B. Leumi Ord sh.	326	—
A.P.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	99	—
4½% Pref sh.	106	—
Ord sh. "E"	122	—½
Gen Mortg Bk		
4% Debs. 48/63	77½	—
6% Pref. sh.	79½	—
Bizur		
4% Debs. 46/58	93½	—
4½% Debs. 52/66 reg.	76½	—
Nir Ltd.		
6% Debs. 39/59	82	—
5% Pref sh	71½	—
Pass. Debs. 4% 42/62	78½	—
P.L.D.C. Ord. sh.	194	+6
5% Debs.	94½	—c
Afr Pal. Inv. Ord. sh.	129½	—½
Rassco		
6% Debs 56/62	70½	—
6% Pref Ord sh.	96½	—½
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh	408	+10
" "A" ord. sh.	222	+10a)
Pal. Elec. Ord sh. (ex. r.)	456	—9
Mekoroth Pref sh.	81½	—½
Ata 6% "C" Pref. sh.	110	—a)
Ord. "B" sh.	158½	—
6-8% Con. Debs.	104	—a)
"Kurdaneh" Ord "B" sh	169	—
Assis-Rez. "B" sh	172	+1
"Teva" Ord. sh.	102½	—
Nesher 6% Debs. Ser. A	118	+1
6% Debs. Ser. B	143	+2
Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs.	158½	+1
Lodzia 4½% Pref. sh.	75	—
S. A. Binyan Ord sh	83	—b)
Pal. Centr. Tr pref. sh	94	—

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; x) pruto per one Dollar.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1953 (To be submitted to General Meeting for approval)

	Authorised	Issued and fully paid		1952
	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Share Capital				
600,000 Ordinary Shares of 100 pruta each	60,000	60,000		60,000
150,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	750,000	425,000		425,000
38,000 6% Cumulative Participating Preference Shares of £5 each	190,000	190,000		190,000
	1,000,000	675,000		675,000
Reserve Fund		220,000		210,000
Profit and Loss Account—Balance of Profit		6,102		6,038
			901,102	891,038
LONG TERM LIABILITIES				
Debentures secured by a Floating Charge on the assets of the Bank —				
4% Debentures	3,097,080			3,255,550
3% Debentures	1,581,000			850,000
	4,678,080			4,105,550
Debentures called for redemption, but not presented for payment	1,970			2,186
Debenture Interest accrued due	63,108			60,759
		4,742,768		4,168,605
Payments on account of acquisition of Debentures		6,424,058		4,338,943
			11,166,826	8,407,548
CURRENT LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND PROVISIONS				
Creditors, Contingencies Reserve and Provisions — including provisions for Taxation and proposed dividends		829,021		904,188
			12,896,949	10,202,774

	£	£	1953 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Land and Buildings (at 35 and 35a Yehuda Halevi Street, Tel Aviv), nominal value	1		1
Office Furniture, nominal value	1		1
Investments, at cost	67,687		66,698
		67,689	66,694
LONG TERM LOANS			
Loans on Mortgage	5,918,789		5,589,999
Interim Credit granted at risk of third party	6,267,919		4,370,143
		12,184,708	9,959,541
CURRENT ASSETS			
Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance	353,776		298,708
Treasury Bills of the State of Israel	—		90,000
Cash at Banks and in Hand	90,776		68,121
		444,552	396,829
			12,896,949 10,202,774

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

S. HOOFIEN
E. LEVONTIN } Directors.

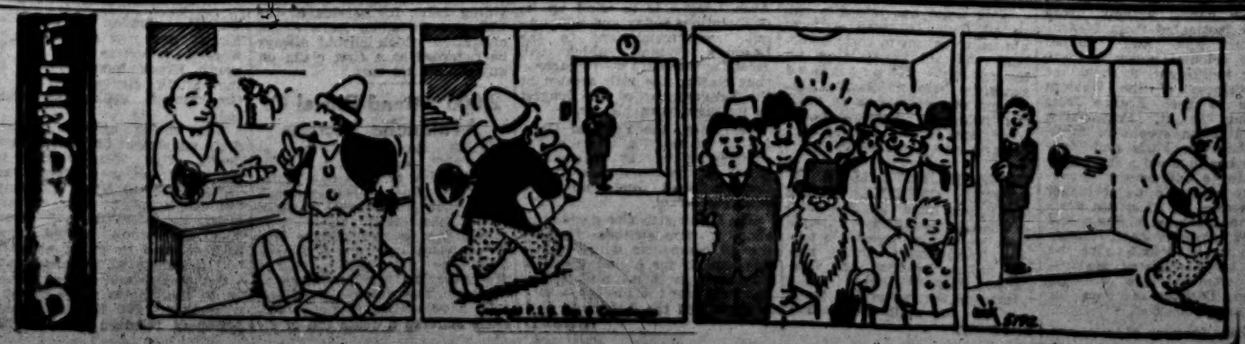
AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account annexed thereto, and have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Bank so far as appears from our examination thereof.

The said Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account are in agreement with the books of account. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Bank's affairs as at the 31st December, 1953, and the Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended on that date.

TEL AVIV, 7th January, 1954.

SOMEKH, CHAIKIN, CITRON & CO.
Public Accountants, Auditors.



Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	56	3	10	11
Tiberias	60	3	14	15
Haifa Port	64	10	17	17
Natanya	74	9	17	18
Tel Aviv North	65	8	17	18
Tel Aviv Port	72	10	16	18
Lydda Airport	68	7	18	19
Jerusalem	60	6	13	14
Beersheba	47	5	16	17
Eilat	58	8	21	21

FORECAST: Fair in Centre and South. Cloudy in North with possible light rain in the afternoon.
*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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450 TONS OF FROZEN meat and 1,250 tons of meat meal for cattle fodder are due in Haifa in the s.s. Rio Quaquen from Argentina on Wednesday. She is expected to take back 30,000 cases of citrus, 500 tons of sugar from Poland are due in Haifa in the s.s. Lechishtan on Wednesday.

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A CYCLIST, Z. Milkstein, 18, was seriously injured when he was hit by a truck near Bet Dagon on Saturday night. The driver, A. Masan, 36, of Kfar Yavneh, was detained and released in bond.

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FULL UNDERSTANDING on a bill to set up a Medical Council has been reached between Mr. Y. Serlin, Minister of Health, and the Central Committee of the Medical Association.

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A DRAFT BILL to establish advisory councils for the various branches of agriculture, similar to the Citrus Marketing Board, is under discussion at the Ministry of Agriculture, it has been announced. The councils are to encourage production by fixing minimum prices, improving farming and marketing methods and fixing local and export standards.

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WATCHMEN OF Moshav Bin Nun, near Mishmar Ayalon, fired at a band of marauders who tried to break into the settlement's cowshed on Saturday night. The marauders escaped across the border. The tracks of seven men were found by the border police.... **ISRAEL AND** Jordan regional commanders met twice at the end of last week at Latrun and Budrus. Regional problems were discussed.

SOCIOLOGIST WINS HEIFETZ PRIZE

The prize established at the Hebrew University by the family of Meir Heifetz, who fell in the Battle for Jerusalem, has been awarded for the year 1952/53 to Mr. Amitai Etzioni, a student of sociology, for his essay on "Rewards in the Industry of 20th Century U.S. and China."

Mr. Etzioni was born in Germany in 1929 and came here in 1936. He is the author of a book entitled "When the Shock Troops Broke Through."

MERCHANTS' BANK BRANCH IN JAFFA

JAFFA, Sunday (ITIM). — The Merchants' Bank, founded by the Merchants' Association, was inaugurated here today at 19 Rehov Tarshish.

The Bank is to serve local merchants who hitherto had found it difficult to obtain credit as Jaffa banks demand that they produce guarantees from Tel Aviv businessmen.

The Merchants' Association has established similar banks in Ramle, Lydda and Beersheba. It is planning banches in Acre and Migdal Ascalon.

TEITSCH LEGACY FOR PHILOSOPHY

A IL.4,000 legacy has been left to the Hebrew University by Pesach Teitsch who died in Jerusalem early in 1953 at the age of 72.

The bequest will be used to publish selected essays by the late Julius Guttmann, Professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Hebrew University.

Born in Russia, Mr. Teitsch lived in the U.S. for 15 years and settled here several years after the publication of the Balfour Declaration. Jointly with Mr. Abel Pann, the artist, he established a Press in Jerusalem for printing graphic material.

WARBURG AWARDS

Applications for the IL.1,250 Moritz and Charlotte Warburg Memorial Research Scholarships for Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University for 1954/55 will be accepted until April 4 by the Secretary of the Scholarship Committee, Academic Secretariat, Hebrew University.

Applicants up to the age of 30 who specialize in any branch of Jewish Studies are eligible for the awards. Priority will be given to holders of Ph.D. degrees from the Hebrew University.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Eggs: 5, Heh 16, temp. 6. Eggs instead of meat: 5, Heh 19, temp. 20.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Sweetened cocoa: 150 gr. on Aleph, Bet cards, no coupon, temp. 16.
NORTHERN DISTRICT: Laundry soap: one bar plus additional bar on Aleph cards; Heh 23, temp. 13. Chocolate: one bar on Aleph, Bet, Gimel cards, no coupon, temp. 13. Imported cheese: 200 gr. no coupon, temp. 15. Sweetened cocoa: 150 gr. on Aleph, Bet cards, no coupon, temp. 16. Semolina: 600 gr. on Aleph, Bet cards, no coupon, temp. 22. Eggs: 5, Heh 16, temp. 9; for expectant mothers: 8 eggs, Heh 14; for invalids: 4 on Het Aleph 1 cards, 2 on Het Bet 4 cards, 6 on Het Gimel 8 cards. Poultry for expectant mothers: 750 gr., Heh 2; for invalids: 500 gr. on Het Aleph 1 and Het Bet 4 cards.

Israel Master Irrigation Plan 'Sound But Costly,' T.C.A. Expert Declares

By VICTOR SEGEV

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The master irrigation plan of drawing water from the Jordan and carrying it through various stages southwards to the Beersheba region, is "sound," though very costly, Mr. Wilfred L. Karrer, chief of the Water Resources Division of the Technical Cooperation Administration said in an interview today.

Mr. Karrer has completed his 12 months tour of duty here and is leaving on Tuesday.

As for the various regional water plans, Mr. Karrer thought that the Hulsh and Beisan Valley projects are economically feasible. All the others, in various degrees, are too costly to give returns on the initial investment.

Mr Karrer was emphatic when he stated that the T.C.A. could not approve of the pumping station, now beginning operation in Galilee through which the Israel Water Planning Company would supply water to isolated settlements up to, and along the northern border.

He also said that this organization approved of only one pipe to draw water from the Yarkon River to the south and not of two pipes as envisaged by local planners. Of Grant-in-Aid funds over the past three years, $15m. were spent on irrigation projects (apart from Counterpart funds).

This figure includes $6m. for the current year, calculated on a $50m. Grant-in-Aid. That part of the total Grant-in-Aid allotted for this purpose has increased from 3.4% to 13%.

Enough Engineers

Mr. Karrer said that Israel had a sufficiency of engineers able to draw up plans and conceive projects, but there is a lack of field personnel. It is advisable to bring over engineers to carry out the plans of local experts, he added.

Mr. Karrer, an engineer of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, has 25 years' experience with irrigation projects and dams. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific on the construction of airstrips, harbours and other installations.

High-ranking officials concerned with irrigation with whom Mr. Karrer associated here have expressed regret at his departure, stating that they had learned a great deal from him. In recent weeks, Mr. Karrer travelled about the country with the upper part of his body in a plaster cast. He slipped and fell six weeks ago while inspecting a dam and hurt his back, but insisted on carrying on with his job.

On his way home, he is to stop at Frankfurt for a medical check-up. A farewell party was given at Z.O.A. House here this evening by Tahal, Mekorot and the Government Departments concerned with Mr. Karrer's work.

Mr. T. Thomas, dam construction engineer in Mr. Karrer's Department, will be acting chief of the Water Resources Division at TCA Headquarters here.

Sapir Returns with Loan From Bank of America

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. P. Sapir, returned by El Al today from the U.S. where he had negotiated a loan from the Bank of America. Mr. Sapir would not reveal the size of the loan, but said upon arrival that it would help until funds are raised to liquidate the country's short-term debts, and would also be used for current expenditures.

In London, on his way home, he discussed the purchase of oil from British firms against payment from German Reparations.

Government, Provident Fund Pact Secures Value of Old Age Savings

By a Special Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A draft agreement has been reached between the Mivtahim Pension Fund and the Government guaranteeing to the Fund repayment of monies deposited with the Finance Ministry on a sliding scale corresponding to changes in the cost-of-living index, it is learned.

Mivtahim serves now as a central provident fund for all workers employed in industry and public institutions.

The Fund is to transfer to the Ministry the greater part of its income which is free for investment, and the pensions accruing to members will be paid by the Ministry at a rate also corresponding to C-o-L. changes.

A similar agreement is to be made with the Gmul Company which administers a major part of the investment monies of the pension funds. Pension funds are general throughout industry, commerce, Government and national institutions, with the participation of workers and management, on the basis of a percentage of the employees' wage.

Total annual income of the provident funds has been estimated at IL.20m. Of this sum, about a quarter will be diverted to national insurance.

Far from being imposed upon the provident funds, the proposed agreement with the Treasury is a special facility extended to them to secure the value of the old-age savings of workers and employees, the Director of Mivtahim told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Negotiations between the funds and the Treasury have been in progress for almost a year, and last week a preliminary draft of the agreement was adopted. It is yet to be approved by the Minister of Finance and by the Knesset Finance Committee.

According to the draft, the Mivtahim Fund is to deposit with the Treasury 75% of its annual income, and each deposit is to be repaid in ten annual instalments and to bear five per cent interest.

Sliding Scale

In addition, the Treasury guarantees the principal according to a sliding scale which is to be pegged to the cost-of-living index as calculated by the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research. For all the sums paid during one year, an average C-o-L. point is to be calculated and is to serve as a basis for this guarantee.

Repayments are to start one year after the first deposit has been made.

Should repayments not meet pension demands which may occur during the first two or three years, the Treasury is to grant advances to the fund which are to be deducted from the sums deposited. On the other hand, the fund may increase its deposits with the Treasury by the amounts repaid in excess of the sums needed for pension payments. The C-o-L. guarantee is also to apply to these additional deposits.

Contrary to reports, the sums deposited with the Treasury are not to be used for regular Government expenditure, but are to be invested in development projects.

In 1954, Mivtahim's income is estimated to reach IL.7m. About a quarter of this amount, however, will have to be transferred to the new National Insurance Institute. The amount deposited with the Treasury may thus reach about IL.4m. in the first year, but is expected to rise in the future.

There are still about 300 funds which are not affiliated to Mivtahim. A pension scheme, which has long been proposed, is to start in April, and all provident funds will be invited to join it and to increase their contributions from six per cent of the monthly salary to 10%. These contributions are to be paid equally by employees and employers.

Histadrut Adopts IL.11.6m. Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — An IL.11.6m. budget for 1954 was approved by the Histadrut Executive almost unanimously today, the only dissident vote coming from Miss E. Wilenska M.K. (Communist).

The Mapam faction voted in favour after announcing that this was not to be interpreted as approval of the Mapai majority policy.

The Executive's Central Committee, on the suggestion of Mr Zimand (Haoved Hazioni) was given power to reduce expenditure up to 10% of the estimate wherever possible. Another suggestion by Mr. Zimand — to refer the running of Labour Exchanges to the Government — was defeated.

It was decided that no more personnel could be hired by the Histadrut during the year, other than experts who cannot be found among persons already in its employ. Mr. M. Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut, said that the Control Commission of the Federation should not be restricted by budgetary considerations in hiring all the personnel it needed, but the Executive decided that the Central Committee should approve all extra staff engagements.

Mr. R. Bash stressed the need for better organisation of young persons. According to him 25,000 persons between the ages of 14 to 17 are left without any guidance whatsoever. Of the 92,740 persons of that age in the country, Mr. Bash said, over 32,000 are receiving some type of education — nearly 14,000 in secondary schools, 1,900 in agricultural schools and 4,300 in vocational schools. Evening, elementary and secondary schools provided education for over 15,000, and Gadna cares for 3,000.

There are 4,000 unemployed among the working youth in that age category, Mr. Bash added. The Working Youth Organization has only 32,000 members.

A PERMANENT EXHIBITION of paintings was opened in Eilat on Thursday, under the auspices of the Local Council and the Soldiers' Welfare Committee, in collaboration with the Tel Aviv Museum.

T.A. Asks Gov't Help For Building Schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Government tonight was requested by the Tel Aviv Municipal Council to allot IL.750,000 to build schools. The request was in the form of a resolution adopted after a Council debate on the City's education system.

The resolution, tabled by Mr. H. Danieli (General Zionists), which received the Coalition votes and that of the Progressive Party Councillor, stated that the IL.220,000 allotted by the Government to build schools during the past and the current school year, fell far below the amount needed.

Another resolution demanded that the Government return to the Municipality the 7.5% addition to the income tax collected for the Local Authorities. So far, it was said, the money had gone to the Ministry of Education and Culture and had created a gap in the City's budget.

Resolutions tabled by Messrs. A. Kamini (Mapai) and M. Goldstein (Progressive), demanding the immediate building of sufficient classrooms to do away with the second shift were rejected.

In reply to Mr. Kamini's request to comment on Press reports that Police are investigating irregularities in the Municipal administration other than those in the Maintenance Department, Mayor H. Levanon stated indignantly that he knew of no such investigations. He added that the Press is wont to publish incorrect information.

It is learned that in addition to an official of the Municipal Works Department, whose activities are now being scrutinized by the police, a second official is to undergo police investigation.

Two to Stand Trial On Murder Charges

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — The Magistrate's Court here today remanded for trial in the Tel Aviv District Court Mohammad Salame al Hawashli who is charged with killing a member of his own Beduin tribe on November 4, 1950.

Also remanded for trial in the same Court was Musaa Muhamed el Abid, 18, of the Abu Abdul tribe, who allegedly killed a Beduin woman of the El Hussil Beduin tribe last July.

Body of Woman 'Planted' Under Driving School Truck

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The body of Mrs. Esther Yitzhaki, 65, of the Borochov Quarter, was found lying under a lorry belonging to a Tel Aviv driving school in Rehov Kanfei Yesharim in Ramat Yitzhak today.

Police who are investigating the cause of death believe that the most plausible possibility is that the woman was run over by unknown drivers who "planted" the body under the truck to divert suspicion from themselves.

The possibility of murder seems unlikely, as corroborated by the dead woman's son, Mr. Nuriel Yitzhaki, with whom she lived. He told the police today that his mother had left home last evening to visit his sister who lives nearby. She was the last to see the deceased, who left her daughter's home at 10 p.m.

Police today investigated tire marks on Rehov Kanfei Yesharim and collected evidence from neighbours. A boy said that he had seen several persons around the driving school lorry last evening, but could not tell what they were doing because of the dark.

Murder Suspect Tries To Attack Woman Prosecutor

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Mordecai Shulman, one of two defendants who are charged with the murder of Levi Moyal in Jaffa last November, today attempted to attack the Assistant District Attorney, Mrs. W. Ostevsky-Cohen, in the District Court here. Failing to reach the prosecuting attorney, Shulman hit a policeman who blocked his way, before calming down.

Bering, the second defendant, said that on the night when Moyal was killed near Cafe Benno in Jaffa he was drunk and had a dispute with Moyal, who insulted his wife. He said he did not remember anything that happened after that, but was sure that he did not kill Moyal.

He also denied holding a knife in his hand, as was alleged by previous witnesses. He also denied that he told his wife that she was to "blame for everything" as Police Officer N. Kaplan had previously testified at the trial.

Shulman told the Court that he did not know Bering before the night when they met in the Jaffa cafe. He maintained that he did not take part in the cafe scuffle between Bering and Moyal, but only tried to separate them. He did not leave the cafe when Bering and Moyal went out, but watched them from the side door, he said, and could not tell whether Bering held a knife in his hand while the two men wrestled outside.

The trial was adjourned until Tuesday.

Husband of Slain Woman Put in Asylum

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The District Court here today indefinitely adjourned the hearings of Haim Gerhard, 41, who is charged with the murder of his wife, Dora, in Kfar Yavne in February, 1952.

The Court decision was taken following the testimony given by Dr. A. Rabinowitz, Director of the mental hospital in Bat Yam, who said that Gerhard is unable to enter a plea since he suffers from paranoic schizophrenia. Gerhard will be sent to the Bat Yam asylum until the Minister of Justice finds him able to stand trial.

Civil Defenders Commissioned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Promotion exercises for members of the Jerusalem Civil Defence organization, the first in this area, were held yesterday in an army camp in the Capital. The citizens, between the ages of 44 and 49, stood smartly to attention as Alouf Mishne Levi Reschetf distributed the insignia to Lieutenants and Second Lieutenants.

All men and women between the ages of 44 and 49 must belong to Civil Defence, whose functions are similar to that of the British wartime Home Guard. In times of emergency, such as fires or floods, they are mobilized to perform vital services. During war, they stand guard against snipers.

After the ceremony, the newly-promoted officers attended a reception in their honour.

HOLLIS HOPES FOR HOLY SITES PEACE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Mr. Christopher Hollis, M.P., left by L.A.I. today for Italy and Spain after, a week's visit as guest of the Government.

He said before leaving that he hoped a "satisfactory agreement" would be reached between Israel and her neighbours regarding free access to the Holy Places.

Mr. Hollis spent much of his time here visiting the Holy Places.

U.K. Experts to Probe Citrus By-Products

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Two experts from the British Ministry for Food arrived here by L.A.I. today to investigate the production of citrus by-products which are being purchased by Britain. They are Mr. Maurice Ingram and Mr. Harry Hinton.

The Ministry for Food purchased thousands of tons of citrus juices and other by-products each year for distribution to schoolchildren under the social insurance scheme. The two experts will remain in Israel for about three weeks, and will visit some 10 citrus products factories here.

Klinger Remanded

HAIFA, Sunday. — Zvi Klinger (Shinar), 23, a newspaper reporter, was remanded for five days by the Magistrate's Court here today on a charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretense. The police claim that he had tried to get IL.750 as a first payment from Mr. S. Bleifeder, former Vulcan clerk, on the promise to quash a criminal charge against him.

The Haifa Journalists' Association Committee today decided to suspend Klinger's membership in the Association pending the outcome of the trial.

December Salaries For Capital Workers

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Government handed Jerusalem Mayor Y. Kariv IL.125,000 yesterday as part of its promise to help the Municipality meet its December payroll.

The balance of the IL.175,000 promised will be handed to the Municipality within the next few days.

The payment of December salaries is expected to be completed today.

A resolution divesting Mr. Y. Kariv, Mayor of Jerusalem, of almost all his powers and distributing them among the three Deputy Mayors will be submitted by the Municipal Coalition to the Council at its next session. Yesterday's Council meeting was postponed at the request of the left-wing Opposition. Mapai Councillors require time to consider their attitude on the resolution.

Mr. E. Eliachar, (General Zionist) would become chairman of the Finance Committee in place of Mayor Kariv if the motion is carried, and have final authority over revenue and expenditure in all Departments. Three months ago, Mr. Eliachar refused his Party's plea that he make a bid for this position but, following the Council's vote for new elections, Mr. Eliachar has re-entered municipal affairs.

Rabbi Porush, (Agudat Yisrael) is to be given authority over the Social Welfare and Sanitation Departments. Herut Deputy Mayor, M. Rubin, will be responsible for the City Engineer's Department and all matters connected with town-planning.

Objections Expected

These two appointments are expected to provoke strong objection from left-wing Councillors. Mr. M. Friedman (Mapai) pointed out that Mr. Rubin is a consultant architect whose firm has received contracts connected with the Municipality, which have met with criticism from both sides in the Council.

Rabbi Porush on many occasions has manifested his extreme clerical outlook, the latest being his attempt to replace club leaders in Jerusalem youth centres by Orthodox instructors, Mr. Friedman submitted.

As two Coalition Councillors are abroad, and the Agudat Yisrael member does not always back the Coalition, the two blocs in the Council are pitted 9 to 9. The Mayor holds the casting vote.

With this balance in mind, the Histadrut faction hopes to veto at least part of the Coalition resolution.

Also on the agenda for the next session is a proposal from Mr. Kariv to reduce the 21 municipal committees by amalgamating some and abolishing others. Each committee is composed of an average of five Councillors. The burden on the Councillors has meant that committee meetings are ill-attended, and in the more important committees, points for discussion accumulate over several months. The committees for City Improvement (public gardens) and Immigrant absorption have never held a sitting.

Meat Arrives From Eritrea Via Sues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The 250 ton Italian vessel "Franca Marl" arrived here with a cargo of 135 tons of meat from Eritrea via the Suez Canal early this morning.

She entered the port in the afternoon and workers on the evening shift immediately began discharging the cargo. Unloading will be completed tonight, but the vessel will be delayed for a day because of a breakdown in a refrigerator which will be repaired here.

The Incode Company, for whom the ship is carrying meat from Eritrea, will then decide whether to send her back to Massawa for another shipment, or to Port Said to pick up the cargo of meat and skins which the Egyptians confiscated from her on a previous voyage last month. The ship's agents here are Poseidon Ltd.

Her captain told *The Jerusalem Post* that he left Massawa last Sunday and handed over his sailing orders and ship's papers on entering the Sues Canal. He reached Port Said on Friday night and had to remain there to complete the quarantine period which ships from Africa must undergo.

Return Papers

Yesterday morning, immediately after the ship's agent had informed him that the authorities had refused to let him leave, an official of the Egyptian Immigration Department returned the crew's papers and told the captain that he could sail.

Shortly thereafter he was ordered by the shore authorities to leave but refused to do so before his ship's papers were returned. The immigration officer then demanded back the seamen's books, but at 2:30 p.m. all the captain's papers were finally returned and he was allowed to sail.

The Egyptians had behaved decently, the captain said, but demanded that in future the name of the cargo's consignee be clearly marked on the manifest.

Fishing Boat, Crew Returned to Egypt

An Egyptian fishing boat and five fishermen, detained in Israel waters during the recent storms, were returned to Egypt last week, "Falastin" reports.

The fishermen were detained by the Egyptian authorities for interrogation.

ARAB TRAITORS PROVED RIGHT

The group of Arab leaders who supported the U.N. Partition Plan, the so-called "Traitors to the Fatherland," were right, "A-Sareeh" declared yesterday.

The Old City weekly lamented that only now, when it is too late, do the people realize that they were wise men and not traitors.

Let the Jordanians take the lesson to heart, "A-Sareeh" urged.

Jordan Premier Sees U.S., U.K. Envoys

Consultations took place on Saturday between Jordan Premier Dr. Fawzi Mulki and the British and American Ministers to Amman, "A-Diffa," reports.

According to the Old City daily, the talks were on the subject of Jordan's second reply to the U.N. Secretary General on the request for direct peace talks with Israel.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi yesterday received General Vagn Bennike, U.N. Truce Supervision Chief, and discussed with him the Israel-Egyptian Armistice Agreement, NEABS reports.

2,500 Diamond Workers To Walk Out Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The diamond industry will come to a standstill tomorrow when the industry's 2,500 workers go on strike to protest non-payment of the last two cost-of-living increases.

Representatives of the Diamond Cutting Works Federation Ltd., acting for management, met with representatives of the workers at the Ministry of Labour in Jerusalem this morning, but the meeting was inconclusive.

The Ministry tried to mediate, but neither side would yield.

The management claims that since the Government has stopped linking premiums on foreign currency earned abroad with increases in the C.-of-L. index the industry cannot pay C.-of-L. increases to its workers.

Negotiations held tonight between the industry and the Trades Union Department of the Histadrut to postpone the strike were ineffective. The Ministry of Finance is expected to consider the matter tomorrow.

No End in Sight To Physicians' Strike

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — The municipal doctors' strike here enters its fourth day tomorrow with no apparent prospects of an agreement.

The physicians demand that their salaries be raised to those received by colleagues in the service of other municipalities, the Government and the Histadrut.

In a statement made by the Medical Association of Israel, it was said that the entire blame rested with the Ramat Gan municipality as the negotiations with it were protracted.

SOVIET DIPLOMATS VISIT TIBERIAS

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The Soviet Minister, Mr. Abramov, accompanied by the First Secretary and Counsellor of the Legation and representatives of the Russian Palestine Society and the Russian Orthodox Church, visited Tiberias today. In the absence of the Mayor, they were received by the Town Clerk, Dr. S. Avigdori.

The party went for a trip on Lake Kinneret in a police launch. They then visited the Lido cafe before leaving town.

Gypsum Arrives From Sde Boker Mines

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — The first truckload of gypsum mined by Sde Boker at Wadi Raman was transported to the Nesher cement factory last Thursday.

The first consignment of kaolin from Wadi Raman will be delivered this week to several ceramics factories. The Kaolin mines are the property of Mahtmavai Yisrael, and the mining is sub-contracted by the Even ve Sid cooperative.

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Three Infiltrators Killed in South

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — An Army patrol clashed with four armed marauders, in Israel territory near the Gaza strip border on Thursday night, killing one of them.

An Egyptian identity card for Palestinian refugees was found on the dead man's body. He was said to have been born in Sarafand 19 years ago.

Bodies of two infiltrators were found by another Army patrol near Kibbutz Brur Hail in the Negev on Friday.

Over the weekend, infiltrators stole several sacks of potatoes and building material valued at IL.500 from a Negev settlement. Traces of seven men and five donkeys led to the Gaza strip border. Pipes worth IL.240 were stolen from another point in the South.

'SPAIN ASKED TO SOLVE ISRAEL-ARAB DISPUTE'

Israel has recently approached Spain with a request that she mediate between her and the Arab countries, "A-Diffa" claimed yesterday.

The report, which cites no source, said that Spain, "traditional friend of the Arabs," has rejected the request.

EX-SYRIAN PREMIER DIES

Adel Arselan, Syrian Premier during the regime of Colonel Husni A-Za'im died suddenly in Beirut on Saturday night, ANA reports.

KUGEL MEMORIAL

HOLON, Sunday. — The tombstone over the grave of Dr. Haim Kugel, former Mayor of Holon, was unveiled in the cemetery here today in the presence of his widow, two sons and daughter.

Among those attending were Knesset Speaker Y. Sprinzak; District Representative Y. Kuperman; Mayor Pinhas Eilon; Knesset Members; Municipal Councillors; and local residents.

A memorial meeting for Dr. Kugel, who died a year ago today, was held in the Migdal Hall here this evening.

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East Germans Purge Two From Party

BERLIN, Sunday (UP). — The East German Communist party announced last night that two former top Communist officials have been expelled from the party and a third demoted from the party's high echelon, in what may be the start of a major new purge in the Soviet Zone, according to a special communique.

After a two-day secret session which ended last night the committee announced that William Zaisser, former chief of East German secret police, and Rudolf Herrnstadt, ex-editor of the official party newspaper "Neues Deutschland," had been ousted from the party.

Anton Ackermann, former Undersecretary of State, was ousted from the central committee, but did not lose his party membership, the communique said.

It added that Zaisser and Herrnstadt were ousted from the party following a probe of the entire East German Communist party. Both men were purged from the East German Politburo following last June's anti-Communist rebellion.

POLISH BROADCAST HITS GOLDMANN

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — A Yiddish broadcast from Warsaw heard here criticised "the Adenauerite Jew," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, for having allegedly declared that diplomatic relations would be established between West Germany and Israel.

"This statement of Judenrat representative Goldmann comes at a time of world-wide protest against the rearmament of Western Germany," the broadcast said.

Another Yiddish broadcast from Warsaw described public opinion in Israel as "greatly incensed" at the refusal of the "Mapai bourgeois majority" in the Knesset to debate the motion tabled by left-wing members denouncing the revival of the Wehrmacht.

Mau Mau 'Queen' Jailed For 10 Years

NAIROBI, Sunday (Reuter). — A Kikuyu girl who was crowned "Mau Mau queen" on Coronation Day, June 2, has been given 10 years jail for taking the Man Mau oath and for being chairman of a women's terrorist movement, the Kenya Government announced today.

Wagiri Njeroge was crowned by Mau Mau members on June 2 in an attempt to divert attention from the coronation celebration in Kenya. For seven months, she ruled Kikuyu women in the district.

Her coronation was an elaborate ceremony at which men and women terrorists chanted ritual songs and administered oaths.

Dutch Physicians Help Israel Colleagues

THE HAGUE, Sunday (INA). — Seventy Dutch Jewish and non-Jewish physicians are overseas members of the Israel Physicians Association, it is learned here.

The executive of the Dutch branch intends to increase its membership so as to further the emigration of Jewish doctors from Holland to Israel and to help Israel physicians complete their training as specialists at Dutch universities.

Cables in Brief

EMBASSIES. — Ethiopia and India have agreed to raise their respective legations to embassy status in an effort to further friendly relations.

DIED. — Canadian Foreign Undersecretary Hume Wrong died in hospital in Ottawa yesterday at the age of 59.

CRASH. — Eight persons, including four children, were killed when a train struck a car at a level crossing near Napanee, Ontario, yesterday.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT AT TEL AVIV-JAFFA. Companies winding Up Case No.2215/53.

In the matter of the Companies Ordinance 1929-36 and in the matter of the American Footwear Company Limited.

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(Name) Dr. S. Welf, Advocate,
(Address) 37 Rothschild Blvd.,
Tel Aviv, as Counsel of the c/m Petitioner.

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Vietminh Shock French Into Armistice Plans

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH

PARIS, (OFNS).—

IN the past six months, events in Indo-China had encouraged the French Government to believe that the Vietminh could ultimately be persuaded to give up the war in Indo-China as hopeless. New United States credits, the sending of nine battalions of reinforcements to Indo-China, the building up of the Vietnamese National Army, and finally the recent series of successful raids launched by General Navarre against enemy communications, supported this belief. As months passed and no Vietminh offensive developed, observers became convinced that the French Union forces had wrested initiative from the enemy.

The apparent ease with which General Giap, the Vietminh Commander-in-Chief, flung two divisions across the centre of the peninsula — from the sea to the Siamese frontier — and cut the country in half, came as a severe shock. The French counter-attack was partially successful, but the feeling here is that the whole question of coming to terms with Ho Chi Minh now requires re-appraisal. It is understood that at a recent French Cabinet conference, responsible Ministers said flatly that in the foreseeable future they could see no hope of finally discouraging the Vietminh by gaining undisputed military ascendancy. French Union forces could not be increased unless young conscripts were sent to Indo-China. Such a move would require the agreement of the National Assembly — and would never get it. It would also severely prejudice French military strength in Europe. Military superiority in Indo-China, it was agreed, could be achieved only by building up the Vietnamese National Army. It was established that it would be two years before this force could take over from the French, or combine with them efficiently enough to drive the Vietminh into a corner.

Request for U.S. Aid

A second alternative, much discussed outside Government circles, is to ask the United States, as representing the United Nations, to send troops to fight in Indo-China. M. Raymond Aron, the distinguished commentator of the French newspaper "Figaro," has gone so far as to suggest that, as Mr. John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, had threatened drastic change in United States strategy if France did not ratify the European Army Treaty, France should face her Anglo-Saxon allies with a similar choice: either they should come to her aid in Indo-China, or French forces would abandon the country and leave the way open to the Communist conquest of all Southeast Asia.

To this course there are a number of obvious objections. American participation in the war would give it an international character which would bring in China on the other side, and turn the country into another Korea. Those who believe in continued French influence and interest in Indo-China are against intervention by a third Power. Finally, it is recognized that all current American policy is opposed to extending military commitments in this way.

Political experts point out that this leaves one other alternative: negotiation. The principle of negotiation with Chi Ho Minh is now known to be favoured by many Government officials. The Government as a whole, however, has not so far reacted to the recent peace proposals of the Communist leader, and has been criticized for failing to provoke him into elaborating his terms. But the early reticences of the French were due to the Vietminh stipulation that fighting should cease before formal negotiations began. The French feared that this truce would merely give the Vietminh time to reinforce and manoeuvre without hindrance, and that it would tend to cause a falling-off in recruitment for the Vietnamese National Army. The fact that in their latest appeals the Vietminh have quietly dropped this stipulation has therefore aroused considerable discussion here. Officials here are convinced that any treaty which permitted the Vietminh to be politically active in Vietnam under the regime of Emperor Bao Dai, would merely enable them to "capture" power and communize the country in a very short time. If, however, the French are to impose harsher terms to avert this, they must first prove to Ho Chi Minh that he is fighting for a lost cause by subduing his forces in battle.

Any peace negotiations must also include the national Government of Vietnam. The administration of Nguyen Van Tam, the former Vietnamese Prime Minister, who favoured giving serious attention to Ho Chi Minh's offers of negotiation, is about to be succeeded by a new Government formed by Prince Buu Loc.

Prince Buu Loc has already intimated that he will not negotiate with the Vietminh until a bilateral Franco-Vietnamese treaty has been signed which gives Vietnam, under the Bao Dai regime, complete independence. He argues that any political competition between Ho Chi Minh, representing a purely national movement, and the political groups under Bao Dai, so easily stigmatized at present as French "lackeys," would inevitably lead to the defeat of the latter.

Diverse Elements

Furthermore, first indications of Buu Loc's future Cabinet show that he is forming a widely representative Government in which Vietnamese Nationalist movements will be in a majority. These elements are politically divisible into those who wish to continue the war until victory is won, and those who are sitting on the fence and waiting to see which side will win before committing themselves. The current Vietminh aggression automatically has had the effect of discouraging the second group from participating in a Government pledged to fight the Communists, leaving those who oppose negotiation at Buu Loc's side. Prince Buu Loc himself is known to be against negotiating until the Bao Dai regime is militarily and politically impregnable against Communist tactics.

The decision to negotiate or continue the war, however, rests primarily with France; and although there is an increasing tendency here to call for negotiation, there is no immediate prospect of the French making the necessary preliminary approaches to the Vietminh. Everything, it is felt, must now wait on the outcome of the current fighting in Laos and Tongking.

BICYCLES IMPOUNDED ON STREET

A Jerusalem municipal inspector writes out a "ticket" for an unlicensed bicycle. Piled up behind him are the bicycles of a dozen other offenders. Photo by Hirshtain

OPERATION "Tax Collection" is really getting steam up in Jerusalem. The first surprise raid of the municipal inspectors and policemen was directed against the bicycle owners, in arrears with their licence fees. Assisted by police, the tax collectors bottled up Jaffa Road yesterday morning and collected their loot at Zion Square. By 11 o'clock the traffic island had turned into an "island of the damned bikes" and even two delivery tricycles were awaiting the return of their drivers, sent to the municipality to bail their conveyances out.

Hundreds of bicycle owners who could not present up-to-date licences, paid the annual fee of IL.2.500. It is estimated that yesterday's operation netted the city about IL.1,000. Several dozen bicycles were impounded because their owners did not pay; the cycles will be held for a week and, if unclaimed, will be sold at public auction, Itim reports.

New Canals For Potash Production

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ON the shores of the Dead Sea, facing the black brooding mountains of Moab, men and machines scrape away at the earth's face, constructing miles of canals which will lead the raw materials, the mineral-rich waters — to the distant refining plant of Mif'alei Yam Hamelah, the Dead Sea Works, formerly the southern plant of the Palestine Potash Company.

The now re-activated plant has for over a year been using up stockpiled raw materials. In autumn, the plant began renewing the canal system, a step in expanding production aimed at reaching a goal of 200,000 tons annually by 1955. A young firm, the National Engineering Company, Ltd., of Haifa, obtained the contract by submitting a bid substantially lower than that of Solel Boneh and other firms.

The task is to build an underwater canal 300 metres long which will allow for fluctuations in the water level and which will lead to a pumping station almost at the water's edge where the water will be pumped up into an earthen walled canal over five kilometres long. This canal will be 16 metres wide, and the water will flow along it at a depth of 1.25 metres to the second pumping station near the factory.

From this station, a third canal, over three kilometres long, but only seven metres wide, will bring the Dead Sea waters at a depth of one metre to the evaporation pans — large earthen-banked ponds. In these pans, the heat of the sun, available from February to October, will remove the salt through sedimentation, leaving a rich brine solution. The brine will then be lead to "carnallite pans," where the remaining water will evaporate, leaving bromides and potassium and magnesium salts. These will then be brought by truck to the factory for refining.

This programme, simple enough on paper, entails the most difficult engineering problems. The present canal is unusable, and in any case is too small. The ground in this area is marked "impassable" on most charts, and has the consistency of slightly hardened lebenia. On a press tour last week, reporters saw a 22-ton excavator, worth some $32,000, tilted and partly sunk in the quicksand-like earth near the Sea. It had skidded off wooden mates onto the earth, which is not stable enough to support it. In order to dig the underwater canal, a 50-ton pontoon had to be brought from Haifa to carry an excavator out onto the water.

Another serious problem is freeing the evaporation pans of years of accumulated salt, which in the past was washed away with sweet water piped from the village of Suf, some six kilometres away and now in Jordan. It has been decided to experiment with salt water from the sea for washing away the hardened salt, another reason for enlarging the dimensions of the canals. Consequently, the first two canals are to convey seven cubic metres of water per second, or 25,200 cubic metres per hour. The success of this experiment will only be gauged when the present contract, involving several hundreds of thousands of pounds, is completed in another few weeks.

The construction of the three canals involves the moving of about 125,000 cubic metres of mud and earth. The land naturally slopes seaward, and consequently, at the head of the canals, part of the nearby hill has been used to obtain the requisite height to incline the channel towards the pans.

The War of Independence and the subsequent division of the area has created a further problem. The road to Sdom, about 88 kilometres from Beersheba, was built mainly to transport the potash. In the past steamers took the southern plant's produce to the north of the Sea, and from there it was hauled to the ports. But the war also cut the frontier across the easternmost salt pans. In order to halt leakage across the border, a dyke over three kilometres in length was built about 300 metres from the border, involving the moving of about 45,000 cubic metres of earth and salt (which had dried and could not be used as a base for the dyke).

The unseasonal rains, blessed by Negev farmers, and which have given Sdom 54 mm. precipitation, or almost its annual rainfall, made the engineers' problems even greater. The wadis which run into the Sea flooded the work, and harmed partially completed works. A flood protection dam will also be completed by National Engineering Ltd.

The firm is also carrying on experimental work for the next phase of development building new salt pans to replace those abandoned. Local material (sand) is being excavated and dumped in the shape of a proposed dam. In moving the material becomes almost unusable, retaining little consistency. The information gained will be available for use by contractors bidding for the second phase.

Technical difficulties and the release of men and machines to aid in the Huleh project, delayed the scheme's projected completion. However its imminent completion and simultaneous adjustments in the two pumping stations, will complete the cycle of potash production for the first time since the war.

National Engineering Ltd., an approved foreign (American) investment headed by Messrs. Paul Shulman, formerly of Stamford, Connecticut, and Saunder Finard, formerly of Boston, now both of Haifa, began the job on October 15. Mr. Burton Most, formerly of Los Angeles, now of Tel Aviv, and Mr. Israel Resnick, Tel Aviv, are supervising the work, with the technical assistance of Construction Aggregates Corp., whose Mr. Elwood Graham, also an American, is resident engineer at Sdom. The 80-man crew which executes the contract, lives in a neat camp on the shore of the Salt Sea, and were mostly trained on the spot.

Men and Things

WHEN the greatest spellbinder writing in English poetry dies at the age of 70 and leaves an estate of only $160, it is surely a sign that something is rotten in the state of — letters. Poor Dylan Thomas! He lacked the respectable know-how of T. S. Eliot, whose directorship of a publishing firm leaves him free to speculate, experiment and market his wares. He adored life so much that he had to live it red-hot wherever he found it, in the town, the country, the artist's studio or the public house. He sang to the inner ear of man, to that part of the spirit which must never be trammelled by circumstance if the artistic impulse is to remain a part of human existence. He said of his poems that they were written, "with all their crudities, doubts and confusions, for the love of Man and in praise of God, and I'd be a dam' fool if they weren't." Not for him the complex-ridden reticocinations of the hyper-civilised, over-bred, urbanized aesthete whose mind is so complicated that the memorable thought and the original expression must, by definition, evade it. It is a poor age when the creative artist has to turn to criticism to make a living, as he so often does nowadays, for critics always follow behind the real artists, gathering from the dust as many fallen gold particles as will coalesce into that melancholy sub-creation, a theory of criticism. The arts have grown respectable, and will die unless the rebel holders of the single view again find the touch of nature. Our creators of poetry sweat at their work, but do not burn. The world of truth cannot afford to lose one who saw

"...burning ciphers on the round of space,
Heaven and hell mixed as they spun."

B.S.

ART NOTES

Israel in U.S.A.

The watercolourist, Shimshon Holzmann, who recently left for the U.S.A., is opening an exhibition of paintings in New York in March at the Passedoit Gallery.

The December issue of "Art and Industry" contains an article on Israel publicity with special reference to the work of the Shiamir Brothers of Tel Aviv. The article stresses the overwhelming importance of content of the advertisements, greater than in the case of countries not having such a heterogenous population, and the difficulty encountered by the commercial artist in selecting the type of figure to be portrayed.

Today

Demonstration

of free washing at Haissman Bros., Radio & Electrical appliances House, 33 Reh. Nahlat Benjamin, Tel Aviv. A demonstration of the popular washing machine KAL - LI will take place from 10—12, 4—6. Every housewife is invited to bring 2 kgs. for a free try-out. KAL-LI instructors will be at the disposal of visitors. The demonstration will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Readers' Letters

FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — My congratulations to Mr. Chai Ataron on his article, "Telling the World", published in *The Jerusalem Post* of January 8. The sooner we do something about our shortcomings in propaganda, the better.

I recently received a letter from my uncle in Denmark who wrote on the same theme. Among the questions he asked were these:

1) Why does the Danish Refugees-Representative at United Nations talk only of the plight of the Arab refugees and get no information on Jewish refugees?
2) Why don't we get Israel news from an Israel press agency? We only get news from one side although we would like and are accustomed to hear both sides of any question.
3) Why has your Consulate no Press-Attache or at least a Colonel who, as part of his job, would know newspaper people here and give them information?
4) Why do you not publish abroad the number of Jews you have taken from Arab countries so that the Arabs will have to deduct that number from the number of people they call Arab refugees?
5) Why aren't we told how Israel helped to settle the refugee problem of many European countries by absorbing their Jewish refugees?

In other words, why doesn't Israel learn how to put facts before the world?

Yours etc.,
G. G. KALICH

Jerusalem, January 15.

HEBREW BROADCASTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Why cannot our country, the outstanding example of tremendous immigration, and where the great majority of the newcomers do not know Hebrew, offer special broadcasts for new immigrants as well as the tens of thousands of old timers who have only a limited knowledge of Hebrew — such periods to be in easy Hebrew, with slow delivery and especially careful diction?

In Australia, there are several hours daily devoted to special broadcasts of news, commentaries and talks given in very simple English and in a relaxed delivery which makes it possible for newcomers to understand without strenuous effort on their part.

Sweden, which wishes to have its population know English as a second language, has radio broadcasts five times a day in easy English delivered at a slow pace. These periods are used for the broadcasting of the daily news especially, but also for talks on various cultural subjects in good but simple English.

Over 100,000 newcomers have taken lessons in evening classes or in Ulpanim, but the vast majority did not continue their studies long enough to acquire a sufficient knowledge of Hebrew to be able to follow the newscasts now being presented. Their vocabulary is too limited and their ears are not accustomed to the rapid pace suited only to those born in this country or who have acquired an active vocabulary of at least 5,000 words — possibly more. The radio scripts for these daily periods should be written by a teacher of adults who knows the vocabulary range of such newcomers.

By adding special periods daily for newcomers, without depriving "sabras" of their own newscasts and their popular Hebrew features, our radio station would show it is taking into consideration the fact that the vast majority of Israelis now feel compelled to shut off their radios when a Hebrew speaking programme is presented.

Do your readers, too, feel that such programmes could advance the cause of Hebrew in which your paper has shown interest by publishing the regular Hebrew column for the benefit of newcomers?

Yours, etc.,
JUDAH L. SHUVAL

Jerusalem, January 15.

LANDSCAPE DEFACED

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Cannot the Government do something to prevent the growing defacement of the countryside by garish and unsightly advertisements and hoardings? It is discreditable that the arts of the advertiser should be given free play in the land of the Bible, and even on historic sites.

The Mandatory Government set a higher standard in this respect. One of the first, if not the first legislative enactment of Sir Herbert Samuel's Administration, was an Ordinance which forbade, under criminal penalties, the display of any kind of advertisement except on restricted municipal hoardings. It is believed that that Advertisements Ordinance is still part of the law of Israel, never having been repealed by either the Mandatory Administration or the Government of Israel. It was always difficult to ensure the observance of the law in Tel Aviv, but elsewhere it was observed.

Today, the roads of Israel begin to rival any in the world in the unsightly riot of advertisements. Now is the moment to tackle the evil.

Yours, etc.,
NORMAN BENTWICH

Jerusalem, January 15

LONDON POLICE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I be allowed to use your column in order to express my profound gratitude to the Metropolitan Police of London for a valuable service rendered to me?

A short time ago I had to produce immediately, for essential purposes, some proof of my wartime service in the Allied Merchant Navy during World War II. Since there was no other way to secure confirmation and the time was very short, I cabled straight to the Metropolitan Police, London, asking for their assistance. Their answer by cable of course, responded to my request fully and was sent from London less than 15 hours from the time I posted my cable here.

I feel that by thanking them publicly I have chosen the right way to show my admiration for the extreme efficiency and courtesy of this public institution.

Yours, etc.,
Dr. J. VALENTIN

Tel Aviv, January 13.

SAFE STOVES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I enclose a clipping of an item published in *The Jerusalem Post* of January 10, "Baby Burned to Death By Overturned Stove."

Countless fires occur every winter from accidents involving kerosene heating stoves. The outcome is not always so tragic, but there is usually a great deal of damage done. We need Government regulations concerning the structure of kerosene stoves, only permitting them to be made if they have a base which is at least three kilograms in weight and 40 cm. by 40 cm. in area.

Yours etc.,
H.R.

Bat Galim, January 15.

AVAILABLE STAMPS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Some weeks ago I wrote you with regard to the lack of stamps of certain values at the Main Post Office, Jerusalem. I am sorry to add that conditions have not improved since then. Last week, the usual airmail stamps for letters abroad were not available — three other stamps had to be used instead.

Yours, etc.,
JAAP BAR-DAVID

Jerusalem, January 9.

Ministry Replies

It is true that occasionally stamps of various values are temporarily missing but this is the result of unexpected changes in the post office rates. When this happens we have the choice of either destroying the existing stamps or using them in combination with another stamp.

Mr. Bar-David will be glad to know that a new series of stamps of various values which meets all requirements has just appeared.

Yours, etc.,
S. NISSENBAUM.
Post Office

Jerusalem, January 8.

CORRECTION

In the Readers' Letter, "Health Plan" in our issue of January 19, the last sentence should have read: "Under the new scheme, insurance for a family with one child would cost IL.2.900 a month."

KEEPING POSTED

THE older generation of Zionists will remember the definition of "fifty-fifty" which Nahum Sokolov gave at the Zionist conference of 1929 when the Jewish Agency was established on the basis of a fifty-fifty representation of Zionists and non-Zionists. This is how Sokolov explained the principle: "Recently I noticed in the East End of London a man who advertised chicken sausages at a shilling a pound. I approached him and enquired how he could possibly sell his product so cheaply. Maybe, I remarked, there is after all not only chicken in your sausages? Maybe some horse meat as well? After some hesitation, and having made sure that I wasn't a food inspector, the vendor admitted that his sausages were indeed made of a mixture of chicken and horse. And, I asked, in what proportion do you mix? 'Fifty-fifty,' was his answer, 'one chicken, one horse.'" A French version of this story recently appeared in the left-wing paper *Combat* which compared M. Bidault's new formula for Europe with the famous old recipe for *pâté*: one horse (N.A.T.O.), one lark (E.D.C.).

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THROUGHOUT history, animals and birds have become the symbols of their masters' foibles and futures. A reader concerned with political implications is disturbed by regular reports of hunters in the Huleh bringing down ducks marked with Russian leg bands. This is bad enough, he writes, but what if someone should bring down a Moscow Peace Dove?

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WHILE animals here are not always treated with the respect they deserve, and are not infrequently shot at on sight by allegedly official dog catchers, there seems to be some evidence of the authorities becoming interested in their welfare. The newly reconstituted Board of the Jerusalem Animal Hospital has been asked by the police to forward two photographs of each board member. We are surprised they didn't ask for two photographs of each patient too.

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HOSPITALS are not always gloomy places. A telephonist at a Haifa hospital writes that her most difficult calls come from expectant fathers. Sample conversation:

"How is she?"
"Who?"
"My wife!"
"Who is speaking please?"
"Her husband!"
"Who is the husband please?"
"Me!"
"Who is "me"?"
"I brought her yesterday!"
"Whom?"
"By taxi!"

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A FRIEND of ours suddenly discovered that he had become a father, and of a boy at that, and went rushing around Jerusalem telling all his acquaintances of the blessed event. Finally he came to the government office where he worked, told everyone the news, and when the *brit* would be and, on leaving the office, blissfully locked the door and put the key in his pocket. His colleagues had to call the police.

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AT last there has been a meat ration. Every time we get a meat ration we carry it home carefully and watch our better half prepare it even more carefully, almost lovingly, so as not to waste a single piece of the inedible gristle. Then we serve the minute pieces, camouflaged under heaps of mashed potato and... the suspicious looks, the sniffs, the hurt glances, the childish trebles... meat? Then the coaxing, the promises, the fairy stories, the apprehension before the plates are finally emptied. With the chicken ration it's even worse. Mince it and hide it in the soup and they say it tastes funny. Serve it with vegetables and they spit it out. Serve it in a sandwich covered with cucumbers and sliced olives... they won't touch it and you might as well watch your blood pressure and eat it yourself. It does everyone more good that way. There is excellent chicken available but the dear little ones remember the delightful taste of that mixture of soap and tahne we used to get on the ration. Luckily our margarine is so good they hardly notice the Anchor butter [illegible]

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WHILE inspecting the baggage of the passengers who left Haifa for the U.S. in the s.s. Jerusalem last week, one of the customs inspectors suddenly came upon a heavy, hard, and well wrapped object resting between some shirts and socks. "What's this?" he asked the traveller, "you didn't declare it". The passenger said with some embarrassment that it was a piece of rock from Sdom, which he was taking as a souvenir. The inspector gave him a look that plainly said, "a likely story," and started unwrapping the many sheets of paper. Before he had finished, two more inspectors had joined him in anticipation of a big find. He finally got off the last sheet of paper, and revealed a solid piece of rock, as likely as not from Sdom.

Today's contributors include:
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D. Davidson of Nahariya and
R. Beer of Haifa.

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